

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
ADDICTION TO BE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS )  
AND SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL AND )  
STATE ELECTED LEADERS TO TAKE )  
IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REDUCE OREGON'S )  
UNTREATED SUBSTANCE ABUSE )  
ADDICTION RATES )

ORDER NO. 163-19

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic disease, often requiring multiple episodes of care and a lifetime of support; and

WHEREAS, addiction is an evidence-based, treatable condition; and

WHEREAS, the system of care for this public health crisis needs to include an integrated approach; including, but not limited to behavioral health, the medical community, the criminal justice system, social services, natural communities of support, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Oregon has the fourth highest addiction rate in the country; and

WHEREAS, five Oregonians die each day in alcohol-related deaths and one to two Oregonians die each day from drug-overdoses; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,100 people die each year in Oregon from untreated addiction; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of children in protective services are there due to a parent's untreated addiction; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has tasked the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission with producing a strategic plan to address addiction in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County, through the community health assessment process, has identified addiction as one of three top priorities.

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Now, therefore,

The Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County PROCLAIMS:

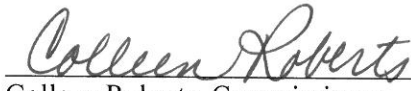
1. That Jackson County declares addiction to be a public health crisis.
2. That Jackson County expects Federal and State elected leaders to take immediate steps to significantly reduce Oregon's untreated addiction rate and significantly increase the State's recovery rate through empowering local communities to address local needs.
3. That Jackson County expects its State and Federal elected leaders to accomplish the above goals by funding the development, implementation, and continuation of a new, comprehensive statewide addiction recovery continuum-of-care.

DATED this 4th day of September, 2019, at Medford, Oregon.

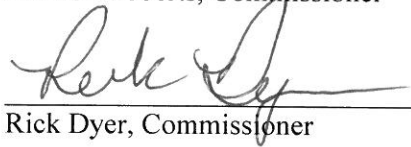
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