

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



**PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION AWARENESS
APRIL 27 – 29, 2018**

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners understands the major health problem of Opioid overdoses in the United States, the state of North Carolina and Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, opioid overdoses have contributed significantly to accidental deaths among those who use, misuse or abuse illicit and prescription opioids; and

WHEREAS, United States overdose deaths involving prescription opioid analgesics increased to about 15,000 deaths a year in 2016, almost double the number in 2001; and

WHEREAS, an Opioid Task Force was organized in February 2017 by Superior Court Judge Ola Lewis and Sheriff John Ingram V; faith-based community representatives came together as one of four workgroups contributing to the report; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Task Force produced a report and recommendations that were presented to the Brunswick County Commissioners for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017 the Brunswick County Commissioners adopted a resolution “to declare and abate a public nuisance regarding the manufacture and distribution of opioids.” The resolution states that the opioid crisis is “having an extended and far reaching impact on the public, health and safety of residents and citizens of Brunswick County and must be abated.”

WHEREAS, regional faith based communities are coming together to provide education and awareness to combat this public health crisis by encouraging others in prevention, treatment and support of all those whose lives are affected by this epidemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners supports the observance of Opioid Addiction Awareness during the weekend of April 27-29, 2018 by faith communities, individuals, families, groups and organizations within Brunswick County and the region to declare solidarity and encouragement through the common observance of constructive programs of prayer, providing resources and forgiveness to those afflicted with opioid substance abuse disorder, and seeking the development of adequate treatment within our society.

This the 19th day of March 2018.

Frank Williams, Chairman
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:

Andrea White
Clerk to the Board