

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution designating the month of March, as *Prescription*)
Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, There are more overdose deaths from prescription pain killers and sedatives than from heroin and cocaine combined; and

WHEREAS, Drug overdose was the leading cause of injury death in 2013 among those 25 to 64 years old, causing more deaths than motor vehicle traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, an estimated 22.5 million Americans aged 12 or older used an illicit drug or abused a prescription drug in the past month; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, 1.4 million emergency department visits were related to the misuse or abuse of prescription drugs; of the 22,767 deaths relating to prescription drug overdose in 2013, 16,235 involved opioid analgesics and 6,973 involved benzodiazepines; and

WHEREAS, Non-medical use of prescription painkillers cost health insurers up to \$72.5 billion annually in direct health-care costs; and

WHEREAS, During the last ten National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, a total of more than 5.5 million pounds of medication have been removed from circulation and potential diversion; and

WHEREAS, The National Drug Control Strategy listed four interventions to reduce prescription drug abuse, one of which was to provide safe drug disposal by increasing the number of take-back programs, and supporting a well-publicized statewide medication take-back system; and

WHEREAS, One important strategy to reduce drug misuse and overdose is safely disposing of unused and unwanted left-over medication; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is deeply impacted by the prescription drug abuse problem and is proactively addressing the problem through the Monterey County Prescribe Safe Initiative, a community-wide coalition representing several Monterey County Departments, specifically the District Attorney, Sheriff's Department, Health Department, all four local hospitals, health care partners, and community based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Families, schools, businesses, faith-based communities, law enforcement, medical professionals, county and local governments, health care practitioners and pharmacists of Monterey County and the general public will demonstrate their commitment to the prevention of prescription medication abuse by participating in activities intended to highlight local efforts during the month of March.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County does hereby recognize March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month as enacted by state law in April, 2013, and encourages all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and activities and safely store and dispose of their medication on a continual basis. Be it resolved that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors encourages all community members to pledge, "Spread the Word...One Pill Can Kill."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this official resolution be presented to the Monterey County District Attorney's Disability/Healthcare Fraud Unit on March 22, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this XX day of March, 2016 upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Lew Bauman, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof at page -- of Minute Book , on March *, 2016.

DATED: , 2016

Board
State of

, Clerk of the
of Supervisors, County of Monterey,
California

By:_____

Deputy