

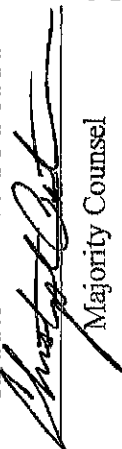
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Amendment in the Nature of a Substitution -- Clerk Item 134-19

RESOLUTION 46-2018

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDING REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF DRUG DEALERS IN NASSAU COUNTY TO BE FUNDED UTILIZING THE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Majority Counsel

Passed by Nassau County Legislature on
4-23-18 A voice vote was taken with 18
Legislators present.
Voting: aye 18, nay 0, abstained 0, recused 0
Became an resolution on 4-26-18
With the approval of the Deputy County
Executive acting for the County Executive

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program provides valuable financial resources to Nassau County to assist in the Police Department's mission to fight crime; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has approved as a qualifying benefit from the equitable sharing of federally forfeited property the use of funds for programs that provide a financial reward to individuals that provide information relating to the arrest and conviction of criminals; and

WHEREAS, despite Nassau County's major crime rates reaching historic lows in 2017, drug overdoses and fatalities continue to plague many Nassau County communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Legislature to utilize every resource at its disposal to combat the drug epidemic, enhance the reach and resources of the Police Department, and aggressively combat Nassau County's drug problem at its source, though the aggressive pursuit, arrest and successful prosecution of drug dealers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Police Commissioner shall establish a telephone, text and internet hotline whereby the Police Department may receive tips from the public relating to illegal drug activity; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Police Commissioner is authorized and empowered to offer a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction under

Article 220 of the New York State Penal Law for the criminal sale of a controlled substance or prescription in Nassau County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Police Commissioner shall ensure that that tips pursuant to this Resolution may be made anonymously and that the anonymity of an individual contacting the Nassau County Police Department to offer information pursuant to this Resolution is protected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any such reward payable pursuant to this Resolution shall be funded from asset forfeiture funds held by the Nassau County Police Department, as available and as directed by the Nassau County Police Commissioner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Police Commissioner shall report annually to the Nassau County Legislature the number of arrests, convictions, and rewards granted pursuant to this Resolution.

APPROVED



County Executive

DATE

4-26-18