166-22 Amendment 3

Third Amendment in the Nature of a Substitution to Clerk Item # 166-22

The amendment adjusts the name of the resolution to the "Families Against Fentanyl Law". The third "Resolved" clause has been amended to account for this change.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Michael C Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

From: Robert Miles, Esq., Staff Counsel, Minority Caucus

CC: Hon. Richard Nicolello, Presiding Officer

Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader

Date: March 15, 2023

Re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NASSAU COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE FENTANYL

TESTING STRIPS, THE TITLE OF WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "FAMILIES

AGAINST FENTANYL LAW"

Attached please find the above referenced resolution which has been approved as to form per the Rules of the Legislature. Kindly distribute a copy to Presiding Officer Richard Nicolello along with our request that this item be placed on the next available legislative agenda and properly noticed in accordance with the County Government Laws of Nassau County and the adopted rules of the Nassau County Legislature.

Kindly provide a time stamped hard copy acknowledgement of your receipt.

Thank you.

Introduced by Legislator Debra Mulé, Legislator Arnold Drucker, and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

RESOLUTION NO. – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NASSAU COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS, THE TITLE OF WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "FAMILIES AGAINST FENTANYL LAW".

Minority Counsel

WHEREAS, the Opioid epidemic has done irreparable harm to Nassau County and the Country as a whole, taking the lives of thousands of Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS, opioid overdoses have increased due to fentanyl and fentanyl-laced illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is up to fifty times more potent than morphine; and

WHEREAS, many times, tragically, victims of opioid overdoses do not know that fentanyl was introduced in the opiate or drug they had used, increasing the likelihood of overdose and death; and

WHEREAS, the use of fentanyl testing strips has saved lives and given opioid users a second chance at a normal life; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the County to include fentanyl test strips in the Narcan kits distributed by Nassau County, while also providing such strips separately to individuals and families who may already have unexpired Narcan kits; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature has an interest in combatting the Opioid epidemic and protecting the lives of its residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that whenever the Nassau County Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities or any other county agency, office, department or other instrumentality of the county (hereinafter "agency"), issues or distributes a Naloxone (Narcan) kit to a member of the public or to a private group or organization, such agency shall also include at least three fentanyl testing strips and instructions on how to use the fentanyl testing strips with each kit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities may also distribute fentanyl testing strips separate and apart from distributed Narcan kits, as long as distributed packages of fentanyl testing strips also include instructions on how to use the fentanyl testing strips; and be it further

RESOLVED, this legislation shall be known as the "Families Against Fentanyl Law"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of Title 6 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.