

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO
ELIMINATE THE THREATE OF FENTANYL IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of fentanyl poses a significant public health and safety risk to the City of Huntington Beach; and

WHEREAS, nationwide drug-related deaths exceeded 100,000 between April 2020 and April 2021. Fentanyl is a significant contributing factor to this alarming statistic; and

WHEREAS, Orange County fentanyl-related deaths have increased 1,100% from 37 in 2016 to 432 in 2020. In that same period statewide, fentanyl related deaths increased over 1,600% from 239 to 3,857; and

WHEREAS, many of these deaths are the result of drug dealers selling counterfeit pills containing illicit fentanyl. The person consuming them is unaware of the fentanyl presence; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Huntington Beach Police Department continue efforts to interdict and seize illicit narcotics. From 2017-2020, Sheriff's narcotics teams seized 388 pounds of fentanyl. These seizures potentially contained 88 million lethal doses and had a total street value of \$43 million. Each dose taken off the street represents a potential life saved; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency has launched a public campaign, "One Pill Can Kill," to raise awareness that pills purchased outside of a license pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially deadly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

The City Council joins with the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Orange County law enforcement in committing to eliminate the threat of fentanyl to our community. The City of Huntington Beach commits to devoting resources to the interdiction of narcotics, holding accountable drug traffickers, and raising public awareness about the dangers of drug use.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____ 2022.

Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

City Manager

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

Assistant City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *MW*