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**LEELANAU COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2018-015**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER AS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**\*WHEREAS**, illicit drug use in the United States has been increasing, In 2013, an estimated 24.6 million Americans aged 12 or older—9.4 percent of the population—had used an illicit drug in the past month; this number is up from 8.3 percent in 2002. The increase mostly reflects a recent rise in use of marijuana, the most commonly used illicit drug; and

**\*WHEREAS**, marijuana use has increased since 2007; in 2013, there were 19.8 million users—about 7.5 percent of people aged 12 or older—up from 14.5 million (5.8 percent) in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, rates of illicit drug use is highest among those aged 18 to 25, and over 90% of those with an addiction began drinking, smoking or using illicit drugs before the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics provided by the National Institute of Drug Abuse indicate that in 2015, Michigan providers wrote 96.1 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons (9.5 million prescriptions); in the same year, the average U.S. rate was 70 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics provided by the National Institute of Drug Abuse indicate that in 2016, there were 1,762 opioid-related overdose deaths in Michigan – a rate of 18.5 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the national rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000, with more than half of deaths, totaling 921 in 2016, attributed to synthetic opioids and 727 were related to heroin; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services indicate that the number of Michigan deaths from an overdose of opioids, including heroin, exceeded deaths from traffic crashes or gun fatalities in 2015, with 1,275 people in Michigan dying from opioid overdoses in 2015, compared to 1,164 gun deaths and 840 traffic fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is to prevent and reduce youth substance use in our diverse community through collaborative planning, community action, and policy advocacy; and

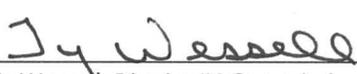
**WHEREAS**, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic health conditions, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community;

**WHEREAS**, although the use of marijuana is illegal all right now, research shows that youth rates go up as availability and access increase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners recognizes the month of October as Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

  
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 William J. Bunek, Chairman, District #3

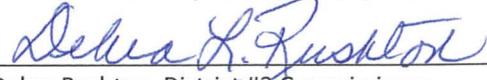
  
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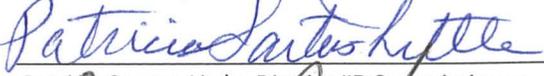
  
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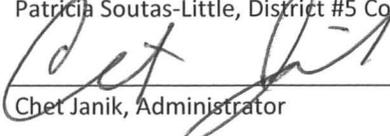
  
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