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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER TO APPEAL THE)	
DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT)	RESOLUTION AND ORDER
AND RECOVERY ACT)	

WHEREAS, Oregon Ballot Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, was passed in 2020 as a drug decriminalization and addiction treatment initiative; and

WHEREAS, decriminalization has introduced a number of confounding public safety, public health and livability challenges in our communities and has not met the goals for expanded, accessible and accessed treatment and recovery services;

WHEREAS, decriminalization has reduced the deterrent effect of drug laws and sends a permissive message about drug use to children and adults alike, making it more likely that people use drugs; and

WHEREAS, our local public health authority, mental health services, and health care systems are continually challenged in responding to health and mental health outcomes related to drug use; placing ever greater stress on already scarce rural health resources; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be an increase in local emergency department visits related to drug overdose. Clatsop County hospitals have seen a growth in OD visits from 23 in 2021 to 31 in 2022 and the trend continues for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Clatsop County experienced an average of ten overdose deaths per year from 2020 to 2021, with an upward trend continuing to this day; and our community deploys Naloxone hundreds of times each year to reverse overdose events; and

WHEREAS, property crimes are often linked to drug use and are increasing in Clatsop County; and

WHEREAS, local governments have seen an increase in unauthorized camping, dumping garbage, and human waste disposal on the land and waters which spreads diseases; and

WHEREAS, data shows Measure 110 has been ineffective in both deterring and treating drug use. As of August 31, 2023, of the 5,897 tickets filed in Oregon Circuit Courts since Measure 110 went into effect 75% have led to convictions, 86% of which the defendant failed to appear and face no further penalties for failing to appear or pay the fine for Class E violations (according to Oregon Judicial Department); most of the remaining tickets were dismissed or are pending.

WHEREAS, a State audit found that, during its first 15 months in operation, the treatment-referral hotline received just 119 calls at a cost to the State of \$7,000 per call; only 50 individuals had their case dismissed through filing their substance abuse assessment with the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, Clatsop County Sheriff and Clatsop County District Attorney, believe that based on an assessment of the total impacts of Measure 110 to the health, safety and welfare of our residents, the law should be repealed.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, Sheriff and District Attorney that:

- 1. The provision enacted pursuant to Oregon Ballot Measure 110 need to be repealed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Clatsop County.
- 2. The Oregon Legislature should immediately take all actions necessary to repeal the provisions enacted pursuant to Oregon Ballot Measure 110.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2023,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

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