

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 16 (2016/17)**

Re: **Supporting Drug Treatment Court for Sheboygan County**

**WHEREAS**, since 2011, prosecutions for possession and delivery of heroin and other opiates in Sheboygan County have skyrocketed, and

**WHEREAS**, Sheboygan County has also experienced a marked increase in property crimes related to heroin and opiate addictions, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the toll that heroin and opiate abuse puts on the criminal justice system, the abuse of heroin and opiates has significant adverse consequences for the individuals and their families who suffer from addictions, as most dramatically reflected by the significant increase in heroin and opiate overdoses and deaths in Sheboygan County since 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, heroin and other opiates are highly addictive and require intensive and long term treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, because of the particular challenges that heroin and opiate abuse brings to our community, various Sheboygan County entities, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Department of Corrections (Probation & Parole), support of county law enforcement agencies, private counseling providers and our Circuit Judges have joined to establish a Sheboygan County Drug Treatment Court to collaboratively and comprehensively apply the full power of the criminal justice system to address this powerful addiction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has endorsed this effort,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Drug Treatment Court initiative commends the entities involved in the formation of the Drug Treatment Court and believes that this initiative will to provide assistance to those who have succumbed to addiction and their families.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Clerk is directed to share a copy of this resolution with the Sheboygan County Circuit Judges and the members of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

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Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**LAW COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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