

RESOLUTION NO. 02-05-18

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING WAR ON ILLEGAL DRUG USE; AND THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES ON BEHALF OF OUR CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions and has a negative impact on the community's well-being and therefore is a serious concern to all responsible citizens and local government; and

WHEREAS, 'street crime', such as shoplifting, break-ins, and identity/auto theft, is often related to addicts supporting their habit; and

WHEREAS, victims of 'street crime' and illegal drug use must deal with the effects of such activity;

WHEREAS, police and sheriff's departments, courts, cities, social service agencies, and other local government entities constitute the first line of defense against illegal drug use;

WHEREAS, police and sheriff's departments, courts, cities, social service agencies, and other local government entities incur significant monetary costs due to illegal drug use;

WHEREAS, world leaders and leaders within the United States recognize that illegal drug use has been a global "war on drugs" for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, many local efforts, including law enforcement, school districts, prosecution, treatment programs, education, and prevention, are being made to reduce the impact of illegal drug use.

WHEREAS, by recognizing that illegal drug use is of significant concern, the

Wayne County Commission will support awareness and education in communities, the public and private sectors, and within government agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the legislative body of Wayne County, State of Utah resolves as follows:

Section 1: That Wayne County declares all of Wayne County a drug-free zone.

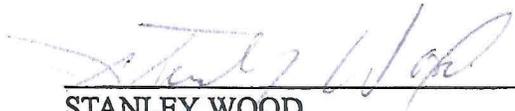
Section 2: That Wayne County declares state and local governments bear a responsibility to continue to enforce the laws regarding illegal drug use and aggressively pursue such crimes on behalf of their citizens.

Section 3: That Wayne County recognizes that partnering with our citizens is critical to this effort and calls upon our citizens to:

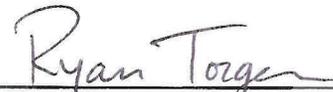
- Be alert to illegal drug use in your neighborhoods, schools and community.
- Partner with law enforcement by providing prompt, reliable information about illegal drug use to support their investigations.
- Respond to prosecution efforts.
- Support drug treatment programs to return drug abuse offenders to contributing members of society.

Section 4: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be a measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wayne County; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval upon its passage and approval by the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED and signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
STANLEY WOOD  
Chairman, Wayne County Commission

ATTEST:

  
RYAN TORGERSON  
Clerk/Auditor

