

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 102, WHICH CREATES A MANDATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ALL STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2017, Broward County treated 1,642 cases of opioid overdoses and continues to see a dramatic number of opioid-related deaths;

WHEREAS, recovery residences (also known as "sober homes" or "sober living homes") are alcohol-and-drug-free living environments where individuals with substance use disorders reside while they receive treatment on an outpatient basis;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Florida Legislature enacted statutes establishing voluntary certification programs for recovery residences and recovery residence administrators;

WHEREAS, applicable law prohibits substance abuse treatment providers from referring patients to recovery residences that are not certified or not owned and operated by a licensed substance abuse treatment provider;

WHEREAS, as of January 13, 2018, there were 312 certified recovery residences in Florida, though the exact number of recovery residences in Broward County is unknown;

WHEREAS, regulation of recovery residences is needed to create a consistent standard of operation that provides uniform and safe procedures, promotes accountability, and lessens abuse;

1 WHEREAS, Florida Senator Lauren Book has introduced Senate Bill 102, which
2 seeks to create a mandatory certification program for recovery residences in Florida; and

3 WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board")
4 supports the uniform regulation of recovery residences, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
7 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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9 Section 1. The Board hereby encourages the Florida Legislature to pass
10 Senate Bill 102.

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12 Section 2. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit a copy
13 of this Resolution to all members of the Broward Delegation and to all Florida legislators
14 representing Broward County residents.

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16 Section 3. Severability.

17 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
18 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
19 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be
20 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
21 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,
22 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

