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STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2

TO RECOGNIZE HEROIN USE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the use of heroin and other opiates in Anne Arundel County is a major public health emergency that impacts all residents of Anne Arundel County regardless of age, sex, race, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County experienced approximately one heroin-related intoxication death per week in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County ranked third in the rate of heroin-related intoxication deaths among all Maryland jurisdictions in 2014; and

WHEREAS, heroin-related intoxication deaths in Anne Arundel County increased 194% between 2010 and 2015, and heroin-related emergency department visits in Anne Arundel County increased 241% between 2010 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, many opiate overdose fatalities may be prevented through timely administration of naloxone, followed by entry into effective substance use disorder treatment; and

WHEREAS, the use of heroin and other opiates contributes significantly to the County's criminal activity in Anne Arundel County and burdens the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive desires to raise awareness of this public health emergency and to help families, friends, teachers, and other community members understand that everyone has a role to play in preventing the abuse of and fatal overdoses from heroin.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 19 day of April, 2016, as follows:

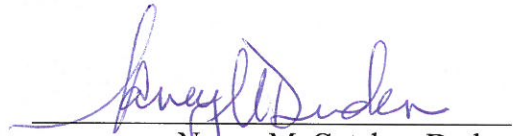
1. The use of heroin and other opiates in Anne Arundel County is a public health emergency.

2. County agencies and departments will use all best efforts to raise awareness of this emergency and to eradicate the use of heroin and other opiates in Anne Arundel County through measures aimed at prevention, education, treatment, recovery initiatives and through enhanced criminal enforcement.



STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Nancy McCutchan Duden
County Attorney