

Attachment 1
RESOLUTION NO. 18-XXXX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, in 2014, the results of the National Survey on Drug Use found that more than 54.4 million people in the United States had misused prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County coroner data shows that prescription opioids were involved in about 60% of all drug related deaths from 2006 to 2012 in LA County; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 prescription drug survey of beach cities residents aged 18 and older, 74% of those who have prescription drugs do not store them in a secure or locked location. In addition, 60% of those with youth under age 18 in the home do not lock up their prescription drugs; and¹

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 survey, adolescents in the South Bay who experiment with nonmedical use of opioid pain relievers identify the home, school, parties, and friends as the most common places they obtain prescription drugs; and ²

WHEREAS, Xanax is the most commonly abused prescription drug by youth in the United States; and ³

WHEREAS in order to minimize the potential negative and irreversible impacts to our oceans and waterways, it is important that we limit the disposal of waste medications to the sewer;⁴ and

WHEREAS, one component of a comprehensive public health approach to addressing prescription drug and substance misuse is education regarding the safe storage and disposal of unused prescription drugs, including controlled substances; and

¹ LA County Public Opinion Survey; conducted by BHS in 2016. Data collected from close to 100 beach cities residents ages 18 and older.

² SBC3 Public Opinion Survey; 2016. Data collected from 561 community members in the South Bay.

³ Results from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables. PDF Retrieved from <http://www.samhsa.gov/data>

⁴ The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works "No Drugs Down the Drain" Retrieved from www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org/No_Drug/glossary.asp

WHEREAS, per an October 2014 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency policy, police departments and pharmacies may now provide safe disposal boxes for controlled substances like OxyContin, Vicodin, Xanax, and Ritalin; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is a member of South Bay Communities Creating Change, a coalition of substance misuse prevention agencies located in the South Bay, has launched a new effort to enhance safe prescription drug disposal efforts through community education and outreach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach hereby supports the Drug Enforcement Agency's bi-annual nationwide prescription drug take back events currently held every April and October and the availability and use of City's prescription drug drop-box. Safe disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs, including controlled substances such as opioid pain relievers, reduces the risk of nonmedical use that might lead to prescription drug and/or substance misuse and educate the public regarding safe storage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2018.

PRESIDENT of the City Council and **MAYOR** of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney