

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON**

**In the Matter of a Resolution Proclaiming)
Curry County's Call for the Repeal of the) RESOLUTION NO. R2023-23
Provisions Enacted Pursuant to Oregon)
Ballot Measure 110 (2020))**

WHEREAS, Oregon Ballot Measure 110 (2020), the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, was passed in 2020 with the promise of reducing crime, improving public safety, and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the evidence shows that Measure 110 has had the opposite effect, leading to an increase in overdose deaths, criminal activity, public nuisance, and a diminished quality of life for the citizens of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, since Measure 110 was passed, there has been a dramatic increase in overdose deaths in Oregon; in 2020 there were 585 overdose deaths; in 2021, that number increased to 917; as of March 8, 2023, there have been 1,161 overdose deaths confirmed in Oregon in 2022, more than doubling the number experienced just two years prior; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon Health Authority's Oregon Overdose Prevention Dashboard, found online, showed an increase in drug overdose deaths from 2020 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110's enforcement provisions have proven ineffectual; as of June 30, 2023, of the 5,299 tickets filed in Oregon Circuit Courts since Measure 110 went into effect, more than three-fifths resulted in a recipient failing to pay and facing no further penalties, according to the Oregon Judicial Department, found online, regarding Class E violations; most of the rest of the tickets were dismissed or are pending; the State audit found that, during its first 15 months in operation, the treatment referral hotline received just 119 calls at a cost to the State of \$7,000.00 per call; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Measure 110 has reduced the deterrent effect of drug laws, making it more likely that people would use drugs; currently, the threat of arrest and prosecution serves as a deterrent to some people from using hard drugs; Measure 110 has removed this deterrent, making it more likely that people would use those drugs; and

WHEREAS, increased hard drug use can lead to numerous public health issues, including but not limited to, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

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(AIDS), Hepatitis C, and mental health problems. These irrefutable issues place a strain on Oregon's healthcare system and make it more difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide care for people who need it; and

WHEREAS, the results of Measure 110, as implemented, has also made it more likely that people will commit property crimes; a study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse found that drug users are more likely to commit property crimes than non-drug users; the study found that drug users are 2.5 times more likely to commit burglary, 2 times more likely to commit larceny, and 1.5 times more likely to commit motor vehicle theft; and

WHEREAS, drug users are also more likely to be involved in drug trafficking – a study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime found that drug users are 2.5 times more likely to be involved in drug trafficking than non-drug users; and

WHEREAS, the cost of criminal activity associated with drug use is significant – a study by the RAND Corporation found that drug use costs the United States \$1,000,000,000,000 per year in crime, healthcare, and lost productivity; the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that drug use contributes to 1 in 5 violent crimes and 1 in 7 property crimes; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that drug use costs the United States \$74,000,000,000 per year in healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, members of law enforcement and the criminal justice system have reported that the implementation of Measure 110 has made it more difficult to motivate drug users to enter treatment – the threat of arrest and prosecution can be a motivating factor for people to enter treatment, however, Measure 110 has removed this motivating factor, making it more likely that people would continue to use drugs and not seek treatment; this is especially true for people who are struggling with addiction and who may need the structure and support of a treatment court or in-custody treatment program; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Measure 110 has reduced the quality of life for residents – hard drug use is often associated with public nuisance behavior, such as loitering, littering, aggressive panhandling, and increased criminal activity, which has led to a diminished ability of the public to safely use parks and other public spaces inhabited by drug users; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Measure 110 has led to an increase in environmental damage – unauthorized camping and dumping of garbage and human waste on land and in waterways has increased since the passage of Measure 110, which has led to pollution of those waterways, contamination of State soil, and the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Measure 110 has diverted marijuana tax revenue from Counties, which has led to a loss of funding for essential services such as law enforcement, education, and public health; in 2021, Counties lost an estimated \$50,000,000 in marijuana tax revenue due to Measure 110; Curry County was especially impacted as it was unable to fully fund its public and mental health services as a direct result of the Measure; and

WHEREAS, the implementation Measure 110 has made Oregon a destination for hard drug users from other states – this is because Oregon is one of the few states where hard drug possession is decriminalized; this has led to an increase in the number of hard drug users in Oregon, which in turn has put a strain on our resources and had made it more difficult to address the drug overdose crisis; and

WHEREAS, we, the Curry County Board of Commissioners, believe that the derogatory effects and long-term threats to the health, safety and welfare to the Citizens of Curry County by Measure 110 should be acknowledged and that Measure 110 should be repealed.

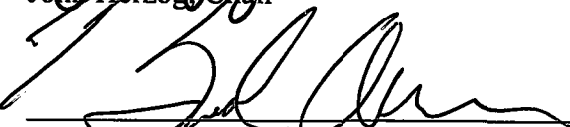
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CURRY COUNTY that:

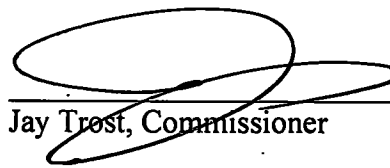
1. The provisions enacted pursuant to Oregon Ballot Measure 110 (2020) need to be repealed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. The Oregon Legislature must immediately take any and all actions necessary to repeal the provisions enacted pursuant to Oregon Ballot Measure 110 (2020).

DATED this 16th day of August, 2023.

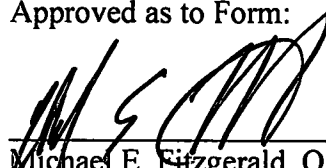
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