

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Opposing Illinois House Bill 3447 Revisions Reducing Possession of less than 3 Grams of Heroin, Fentanyl and Cocaine to Misdemeanors

**WHEREAS**, pending in the Illinois House of Representatives is House Bill 3447 which seeks to revise certain criminal statutes, including 720 ILCS 570/402(a-1) and (a-5); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions in 720 ILCS 570/402(a-1) and (a-5) seek to reduce the possession of less than 3 grams of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine from Class 4 felony crimes to misdemeanors; and

**WHEREAS**, counties throughout the State of Illinois, including McHenry County have had severe and persistent negative impact from the possession and use of heroin, fentanyl and cocaine; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of the possession of these dangerous drugs from felonies to misdemeanors will only exacerbate these negative effects; and

**WHEREAS**, fentanyl deaths have continued to increase throughout the State of Illinois and caused unprecedented numbers of deaths in McHenry County for the past several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coroner of McHenry County and the McHenry County State's Attorney both vehemently oppose the revisions to this act reducing possession of these dangerous drugs from felonies to misdemeanors.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of McHenry County, that the County Board urges the Illinois State legislature not to reduce the criminal penalties for possession of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine, and maintain that possession of these drugs in an amount of 1 gram or more continue to be considered felony possession of a controlled substance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the county clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Illinois State Senate President, as well as to the McHenry County Coroner and the McHenry County State's Attorney.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 2022.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk



**McHenry County Board**

County Board Room  
Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting: October 18, 2022  
Department: County Administration  
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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

To approve the resolution opposing the Illinois House Bill 3447 revisions reducing possession of less than 3 grams of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine to misdemeanors.