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"National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®" Proclamation 2017-2018

WHEREAS, *National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®* is sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) at the National Institutes of Health, in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in accordance with other federal and private partner organizations, to encourage teens to ask questions about drugs, drug abuse, alcohol, and alcoholism, and receive scientifically based facts and answers in return; and

WHEREAS, *National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®* is a celebration of the inquisitive minds of teenagers and encourages them to ask questions regarding drugs, drug abuse, alcohol, and alcoholism and get scientifically based answers, without judgment or biased comment; and

WHEREAS, *National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®* celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with teens to encourage this science based conversation about drugs, drug abuse, alcohol, and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Carroll County Youth Risk Behavioral Survey results indicated that 44 percent of Carroll County youth (grades 9-12) had drank at least one drink of alcohol in the 30 days prior to the survey, however, in all three surveys 2009, 2012, 2015, 2% of high school students reported drinking all 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Youth Risk Behavioral Survey results indicated that marijuana and medications without a doctor's prescription were ranked second and third among high school students again in all three surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Youth Risk Behavioral Survey results indicated that 54 percent of Carroll County high school students in 2009 reported having tried cigarettes, this number dropped to 46% in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County Youth Led Prevention has chosen Carroll County to officially launch our local efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, that the **Carroll County Board of Commissioners**, does hereby proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2018, as ***National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®*** and encourages Carroll County citizens to support and participate in drug prevention education activities, making a statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free state.

Commissioner Jeffrey L. Ohler

Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner

Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley