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RESOLUTION #2018-31

RESOLUTION OF CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OPPOSITION OF STATE ISSUE 1

WHEREAS, Ohio voters will decide on a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as Issue 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1, if passed, will have disastrous results for the residents of Carroll County and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, those results include exposing Ohioans to an increase in substance abuse activity and criminal behavior as there will be little to no consequence for engaging in such; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would impose a substantial unfunded mandate upon Carroll County which would be obligated to pay for the treatment services mandated by its provisions; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County would incur significant costs for the court proceedings necessary to comply with Issue 1's retroactive application that would require courts to re-sentence and/or release any individual convicted of an offense of possessing, obtaining or using drugs; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 mandates that the possession of Fentanyl, K2, Cocaine, LSD, Methamphetamines, Heroin, and other controlled substances be classified as a misdemeanor with mandatory probation; and

WHEREAS, the additional misdemeanor classifications will further financially burden Carroll County and other counties in Ohio already faced with significant funding reductions; and

WHEREAS, such lenient laws on lethal drugs will attract those with nefarious and criminal intentions to Carroll County and the great state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would virtually eliminate "drug courts" in the State of Ohio utilized by our State's judges to effectively treat substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, constitutional mandates brought forth by Issue 1 will prevent the State Legislature from maintaining the needed flexibility to legislate the fight against crime and drugs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 negatively and materially impacts the safety and well-being of the residents of Carroll County.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Commissioners declares its opposition to Issue 1 and they strongly encourage the voters of Carroll County, Ohio to vote NO on Issue 1.

Mr. Mickley moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;
Mr. Ohler seconded the motion.

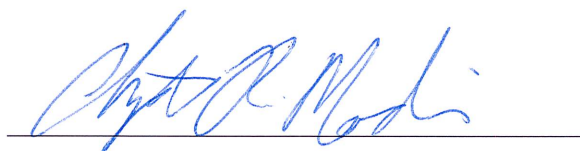
Upon call of the roll the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Ohler, yes; Mr. Mickley, yes; Mr. Wirkner, yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 18th day of October, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY

ATTEST:



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Robert E. Wirkner, President


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