

**ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-11-08**

**DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the number of Heroin and Fentanyl related deaths in Cuyahoga County has continued to increase each year as follows:

- 2013 – 198 deaths
- 2014 – 224 deaths
- 2015 – 228 deaths
- As of 11/07/2016 – 415 deaths
- Projected 2016 – over 500 deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, a study performed by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation compiled from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention information identified that Ohio leads the nation in opioid overdose deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, ADAMHS Board staff recommends that the state and federal government commit to an aggressive and comprehensive approach to combat the deadly disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Requests the state and federal government to declare a state of public health emergency with the appropriation of additional fiscal resources to address the deadly opioid disease.

On the motion of Cassi Handler, seconded by Harvey Snider, Esq., the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously.

**AYES:** D. Biegel, E. Caraballo, E. Cash, R. Fowler, C. Handler, S. Killpack,  
C. Rerko, R. Romaniuk, H. Snider, M. Warr, A. Williams

**DATE ADOPTED:** November 30, 2016