

RESOLUTION NO. 18-0054

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

WHEREAS, in 2014, the results of the National Survey on Drug Use found that more than 54.4 million people in the United States had misused prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County coroner data shows that prescription opioids were involved in about 60% of all drug related deaths from 2006 to 2012 in LA County; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 prescription drug survey of beach cities residents aged 18 and older, 74% of those who have prescription drugs do not store them in a secure or locked location. In addition, 60% of those with youth under age 18 in the home do not lock up their prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 survey, adolescents in the South Bay who experiment with nonmedical use of opioid pain relievers identify the home, school, parties, and friends as the most common places they obtain prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Xanax is the most commonly abused prescription drug by youth in the United States; and

WHEREAS in order to minimize the potential negative and irreversible impacts to our oceans and waterways, it is important that we limit the disposal of waste medications to the sewer; and

WHEREAS, one component of a comprehensive public health approach to addressing prescription drug and substance misuse is education regarding the safe storage and disposal of unused prescription drugs, including controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, per an October 2014 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency policy, police departments and pharmacies may now provide safe disposal boxes for controlled substances like OxyContin, Vicodin, Xanax, and Ritalin; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Services, Inc. is a member of South Bay Communities Creating Change, a coalition of substance misuse prevention agencies located in the South Bay, has launched a new effort to enhance safe prescription drug disposal efforts through community education and outreach.

THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby supports the Drug Enforcement Agency's bi-annual nationwide prescription drug take back events currently held every April and October. Safe disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs, including controlled substances such as opioid pain relievers, reduces the risk of nonmedical use that might lead to prescription drug and/or substance misuse and educate the public regarding safe storage.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED on April 17, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AMY HOWORTH
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk