

OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of State Issue 1 To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 will appear on the statewide ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing, and using any drug such as a fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would shift the costs for drug treatment from the State to local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the projected savings of \$100 million annually applies to the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails—costs that tax payers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend if problems arise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio, three-fourths of the members elected thereto concurring and as follows:

Section One. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.

Section Two. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Village Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Village Council, and that all deliberations of this Village Council and of any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section Three. That this resolution shall be declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the Village of Swanton; wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Declare an Emergency

Moved: Dzyak Second: Rochelle YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Vote on Passage

Moved: Dzyak Second: Westhoven YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0


Date of Passage: October 9, 2018



Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

I, Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Swanton, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2018-19, passed on October 9, 2018



Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer