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RESOLUTION 27-18

A Resolution strongly opposing State Issue I.

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, this constitutional amendment would make the possession of any amount of narcotics a Misdemeanor offense; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment restricts a presiding judge from utilizing alternative sentencing that has been found effective, such as drug courts; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would prohibit a presiding judge from imposing any incarceration for a person convicted of a drug possession crime until after the third offense; 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 City of Orrville, Ohio that:

- Section 1: This Council urges Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- Section 2: This Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.
- Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period provided by law.

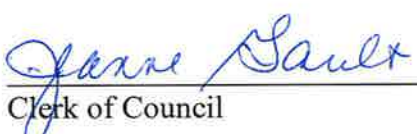
Passed by the Council on the 15th day of October 2018;

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President of Council

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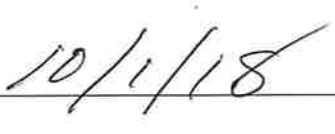


Clerk of Council

Approved:



Mayor



Date