

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BELMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1 ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, AND URGING ALL OHIO RESIDENTS TO OPPOSE THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

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

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

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 taxpayers 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 Belmont, Belmont County, Ohio, that;

SECTION 1. The Council urges Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

SECTION 2. The Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.

SECTION 3. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and that were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety in order to express the Council's position on Issue 1 sufficiently before the general election on November 6, 2018 and shall take effect upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

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**STANLEY A. SOBEL**, Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by Belmont Village Council at a regular meeting on the 1st day of November, 2018.

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**RICKY BURKHEAD**,  
Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council