

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27
RECOGNIZING ADDICTION IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE
NOT A CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUE

WHEREAS, addiction to illegal and prescription drugs is a public health issue not a criminal justice issue; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1.3 million people incarcerated in the United States, and nearly 20% are incarcerated for drug related crimes and for many it is an addiction to illegal or prescription drugs that led them there; and

WHEREAS, addiction must be addressed as a physical and mental health issue in order to reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, the United States remains one of the few developed nations that does not adequately fund addiction treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, despite clear evidence that addiction treatment can reduce crime and incarceration numbers and improve community health the City of St. Louis has done little to improve access to addiction treatment and prevention programs for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, any plans the City may have for reducing crime should include support for addiction treatment and prevention programs.

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we recognize that addiction to illegal and prescription drugs is a public health issue, and that the City's efforts to reduce crime should include funding addiction treatment and prevention programs. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 21st day of May, 2021 by:

The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Dwindlerlin Evans, Alderwoman 4th Ward

The Honorable James Page, Alderwoman 5th Ward

The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward

The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward

The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward

The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12th Ward

The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward

The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward

The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward

The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17th Ward

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward

The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24th Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 21st day of May, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen