

1 **A Resolution for the Prevention of Opioid Overdoses and Saving of Lives**
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3 Nick Davis (for himself, Emma Meersman, Shivani Patel, Maria Vargo, Julia Dennan,
4 Shukri Ahmed, Brooke Bowerman, Paige Bennett, and Ben Kanas) introduced the
5 following legislation to the Steering Committee, where it passed.
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9 **Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students
10 at The Ohio State University, and
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12 **Whereas** over 30,000 Americans died in 2015 as a result of an opioid overdose,¹ making
13 the nation in the midst of the largest opioid crisis ever seen, and it could potentially strike
14 The Ohio State University at any point in time, and
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16 **Whereas** around 11 people die everyday in Ohio alone due to unintentional drug
17 overdoses,² and
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19 **Whereas** this number of 30,000 American deaths in 2015 as a result of opioids is only
20 expected to increase in 2018, and
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22 **Whereas** students at many universities of different sizes and geographic areas have
23 experienced opioid overdoses and death as a result of opioid addiction, and
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25 **Whereas** naloxone (on the market as the brand “Narcan”) is available on campus only
26 through the Wilce Student Health Center by paying a \$30 fee and taking a training
27 course, and there is currently no easy, quick access to naloxone and other overdose
28 preventing medicines on campus for emergencies, and
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30 **Whereas** naloxone has no pharmacological effect and has no potential for abuse, can be
31 safely administered by intranasal, intravenous, or intramuscular injection, works rapidly
32 (in 2-8 minutes) and wears off in 20-90 minutes giving the victim time to be treated, and
33 produces no effect if opioids are not present,³ and
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35 **Whereas** the annual Alcohol, Drug Use and Student Wellness report⁴ put out by the
36 Center for the Study of Student Life does not mention the number of opioid overdoses
37 and deaths, and

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/index.html>

² <http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170528/overdose-deaths-continue-to-soar-in-ohio>

³ <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=817>

⁴ <http://cssl.osu.edu/posts/documents/wellness-assessment-2015-alcohol-and-drug-use-report.pdf>

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39 **Whereas** Franklin County Public Health already provides the OSU Police Department
40 with naloxone through a grant for police officers to have for use,⁵ and

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42 **Whereas** the drug company Adapt Pharma Ltd., which produces the naloxone branded
43 version Narcan, has previously offered 40,000 free doses to colleges nationwide who
44 reach out to them, and

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46 **Whereas** there are approximately 418 Resident Advisers⁶ on campus, who are not
47 equipped with naloxone, overseeing approximately 14,000 on-campus residents,⁷ and

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49 **Whereas** members of fraternities and sororities engage in significantly higher rates of
50 drug use than their college peers who are not involved in Greek life,⁸ and

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52 **Whereas** similar legislation has been passed as the University of Alabama⁹ and Colorado
53 State University,¹⁰ and

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55 **Whereas** the University of Texas at Austin has had great success with a similar program
56 and stocks naloxone at the front desk of its residence halls,¹¹ and

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58 **Whereas** addiction is a silent killer, anyone can suffer from a life threatening addiction
59 and being that opioid overdose death rates are currently on the rise in the United States, it
60 is imperative that the Undergraduate Student Government act in a way that best
61 represents the health of our student body;

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63 **Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio
64 State University calls on the Office of Student Life to train all Resident Advisors,
65 Resident Managers and Hall Directors in the recognition of an opioid overdose and the
66 administration of naloxone, and equip all RAs, RMs, and HDs with a dosage of naloxone
67 medication for deployment as first aid, and

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⁵ Correspondence with OSU Police Chief Craig Stone

⁶ https://osu.erezlife.com/app/one.php?manager=staffAppJobProfileView&job_id=52217

⁷ <https://www.thelantern.com/2017/08/class-of-2021-likely-the-most-talented-and-diverse-in-ohio-state-history/>

⁸ <https://www.addictionhope.com/blog/fraternities-and-sororities-alcohol-and-drug-use/>

⁹ University of Alabama SGA Resolution R-09-17

¹⁰ <https://collegian.com/2018/01/opioid-prevention-election-code-changes-among-first-legislation-ascsu-hears/>

¹¹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/colleges-take-action-on-opioid-epidemic-1494158403>

69 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that all fraternity and sorority houses be equipped with a
70 dosage of naloxone and at least one fraternity/sorority member or house resident be
71 trained in the recognition of an overdose and administration of naloxone, and

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73 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that moving forward, we call on the university to include the
74 number of opioid overdoses and deaths in its annual Alcohol, Drug Use and Student
75 Wellness report, and

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77 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that students who report or are involved in an opioid
78 overdose will receive amnesty from charges pertaining to the overdose if drugs were
79 illicitly obtained, and

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81 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that a Good Samaritan clause be created in the Code of
82 Student Conduct to protect students who step in to help their friends and fellow
83 classmates in the case of an opioid overdose, and

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85 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government will help to
86 find alternate avenues of funding if funds can't be found in the University's budget,
87 including reaching out to Franklin County Public Health who funded the OSUPD's
88 naloxone and reaching out to Adapt Pharma Ltd., which has previously donated free
89 doses of naloxone to universities who request it.

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Floor Vote: Passed with unanimous consent

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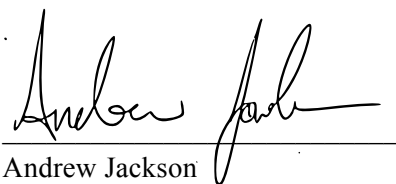
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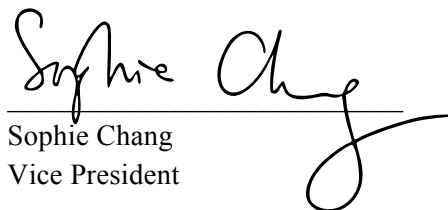
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Vice President

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