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Amendment

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## Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Michael C Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

From: Peter J. Clines, Esq., Minority Counsel *Eger Pge*

CC: Hon. Richard Nicoletto, Presiding Officer

Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader

Date: July 20, 2018

RE: AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF SUBSTITUTION TO CLERK ITEM NO. 350-18; A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU BY ESTABLISHING A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOTLINE THAT SHALL BE KNOWN AS "TIMOTHY'S LAW"

Attached please find the above referenced proposed resolution which has been approved as to form per the Rules of the Legislature. Kindly distribute a copy to Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto along with our request that this item be placed on the next available legislative agenda.

Kindly provide a time stamped hard copy acknowledgement of your receipt.

Thank you.

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Introduced by: Legislator Joshua Lafazan

Co-Sponsored by:

**RESOLUTION NO. – 2018**

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
  
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WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is in the midst of an opiate crisis that is wreaking havoc primarily on people between the ages of fifteen and forty-four years of age; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics cited by the New York State Attorney General, drug overdoses account for 32 percent of deaths in Nassau County among people between the ages of fifteen and forty-four years of age; and

WHEREAS, the County currently provides funding to the Long Island Crisis Center (“LICC”) to operate a twenty-four hours-a-day/seven days-a-week/three hundred and sixty-five days-a-year suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline that connects callers, including individuals seeking help with substance abuse issues, with treatment services; and

WHEREAS, the County currently operates four hotline numbers for residents who need behavioral health assistance but lacks a dedicated substance abuse hotline for individuals and families suffering from the consequences of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the drastic increase in opioid use, abuse, and overdoses necessitates the dedication of additional assistance to individuals at risk for opioid abuse and overdose; and

WHEREAS, the County accordingly seeks to expand the twenty-four-hour hotline services to include a telephone number specifically dedicated to providing crisis intervention and resources to substance abusers and their loved ones who are seeking help; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a twenty-four-hour crisis intervention and resources hotline for substance abusers as well their loved ones, residents can call in anonymously to speak to trained professionals who will be available to provide immediate consultations and referrals to substance abusers as well as their loved ones; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Human Services in coordination with the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish, maintain, and oversee the operation of a toll-free telephone Substance Abuse Hotline and any related functionality for receiving text messages and web based applications to provide assistance and resources to individuals with substance abuse issues and additionally offer support to members of the public who are seeking to help someone who is a substance abuser; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Human Services in consultation with the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services and the County Attorney shall prepare and issue a request for proposals (“RFP”) for a Substance Abuse Hotline contractor to provide Substance Abuse resources hotline services for the County on or before August 31, 2018, which proposals shall include but not be limited to (i) a staffing plan of certified substance abuse counsellors and trainees who possess knowledge, training, and experience in substance abuse counselling and making on-demand treatment referrals; (ii) plans

for receiving and responding to any inquiries made by text message and via web-based applications; (iii) plans for developing a script to be used when receiving calls to the hotline, and (iv) staff training plans on an ongoing basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, within sixty days of the RFP award, the awardee shall have the hotline fully operational; and be it further

RESOLVED, this law shall be known as “Timothy’s Law” in honor of Timothy Kroll, son of substance abuse prevention and recovery advocate Teri Kroll, who lost his battle with drug abuse at the age of twenty-three in August 2009; she transformed her grief into a mission to save the lives of others by becoming one of the first civilians trained in the administration of Naloxone on Long Island and through public speaking engagements aimed at ending the stigma within families and communities regarding substance abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L., section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.