

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 10 AS NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION N02914

WHEREAS, California is recognizing May 10th as National Fentanyl Awareness Day, an opportunity to educate the community about the dangers of fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, drug traffickers mass produce fake or counterfeit pills in an effort to falsely market them as legitimate prescription pills, resulting in deceptions and threats to communities throughout the nation and locally; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose; and

WHEREAS, four out of 10 pills with fentanyl tested by the DEA contain a potentially lethal dose; and

WHEREAS, the number of law enforcement seized counterfeit pills with fentanyl has increased by nearly 502 percent since 2019; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,500,000 counterfeit pills are sold in all 50 states and the District of Columbia; and

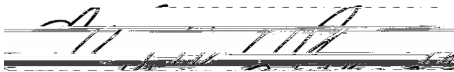
WHEREAS, fentanyl has also been detected in drugs such as heroin and cocaine; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, more than 93,000 drug overdose deaths in the US were from fentanyl or another synthetic opioid. For the 12-month period ending October 2021, more than 105,000 Americans died due to drug-

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among those 15 to 35 years of age have increased six-fold, largely driven by the increase in fentanyl drugs. Fentanyl-related deaths are the fastest growing among 14 to 23-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, drug overdose and poisoning deaths for persons 18 years of age grew by 169 percent, more than three times as fast as the national rate and faster than any other age group; and

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