The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 24th day of April, 2018, with the following members present: Mr. Stan D. Owens, Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger, and Mr. Todd D. Wolfrum.

Mr. Wolfrum moved the adoption of the following PROCLAMATION:

Whereas, there are many serious issues that occur right here in our own community related to the opioid epidemic that require the need for first responders; and

Whereas, this Board wishes to express its gratitude to those on the front lines as it is very important that first responders receive much-earned recognition and appreciation for their efforts; and

Whereas, in partnership with the Ohio Governor’s Office, Ohio Attorney General’s Office, and Tri-County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners is committed to supporting local first responders in their efforts to prevent and treat addiction, educate youth and adults about addiction and recovery, and promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting the effects of addiction on communities; and

Whereas, with the message of "Bringing Help. Bringing Hope. Thank You." communities across Ohio are recognizing the countless front line workers, including law enforcement, fire fighters, probation officers, treatment professionals, faith-based support initiatives, emergency department professionals, E.M.S., kinship providers, and family support groups who address the opioid epidemic and addiction on a daily basis; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners does hereby recognize

Van Wert County First Responders
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for their outstanding efforts in their fight against Van Wert County’s opioid epidemic.

Mr. Lichtensteiger seconded the motion. The roll was called upon its adoption, and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Owens, Yea; Mr. Lichtensteiger, Yea; and Mr. Wolfrum, Yea.