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## CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2018

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, OW and Mayor Gammella

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE ISSUE I, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of State Issue I To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, State Issue I will appear on the statewide ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing and using any drug such as fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, State Issue I would shift the costs for drug treatment from the State to the local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEAREAS, the projected savings of \$100 million annually applies to the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails—costs that tax payers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend if problems arise;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1:** This Council hereby opposes State Issue I on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

SECTION 2: This Council does hereby declare it opposition to State Issue I.

SECTION 3: The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and instructed to forward certified copy of this Resolution to U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur, 2186 Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason to oppose State Issue I; therefore provided this ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law

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