AFFIRMATION OF THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS TO RESPONSIBLE STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners is united in combatting the opioid epidemic through increased prevention, treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Bucks County follows and implements a data-driven approach to reducing harm, treating addiction, healing families wounded by drug abuse, and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Bucks County has helped save thousands of lives and reunite hundreds of families through initiatives including: in-patient and out-patient treatment; naloxone distribution; medication collection; and support for overdose survivors; and

WHEREAS, Bucks County’s recent successes in combatting drug addiction include the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court being accredited by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as a problem-solving court with “adherence to the ‘Ten Key Components of Drug Courts’ and utilization of the best practices known to the field”; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners recognizes that sites that are expressly designed to permit the illegal injection of controlled substances are not authorized let alone regulated by state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners is now unpersuaded by arguments that injection sites would responsibly reduce the harms of addiction in Bucks County; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Board of Commissioners believes that the County’s resources, efforts and advocacy should be focused on increasing prevention, treatment and recovery;

The Bucks County Board of Commissioners resolves that it unequivocally opposes the creation, operation or existence of any injection site in Bucks County.

COUNTY OF BUCKS, PENNSYLVANIA

By______________________________
Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair

By______________________________ Attest:
Robert J. Harvie, Jr., Vice-Chair

By______________________________
Gene DiGirolamo, Commissioner

Gail Humphrey, Chief Clerk Date