



DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

506 SE Jackson St, Roseburg, OR 97470

Resolution 003 – Resolution in Support of an Emergency Special Session of the Oregon Legislature for the sole purpose of repealing Measure 110

WHEREAS, Oregon Ballot Measure 110 (2020), the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, was passed in 2020 with the promise of reducing crime, improving public safety and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the evidence shows that Measure 110 has had the opposite effect, leading to an increase in overdose deaths, criminal activity, public nuisance and a diminished quality of life for the citizens of Douglas County and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, since Measure 110 was passed, there has been a dramatic increase in overdose deaths in Oregon. In 2020, there were 585 overdose deaths. In 2021, that number increased to 917. The rate of Oregon teenagers dying from drugs since 2019 have more than tripled. (Oregon Federal Delegation April 20, 2023); and

WHEREAS, Measure 110's enforcement provisions have proved ineffectual. As of June 30, 2023, of the 5,299 tickets filed in Oregon Circuit Courts since Measure 110 went into effect, more than three-fifths resulted in a recipient failing to pay and facing no further penalties, according to the Oregon Judicial Department, found online, regarding Class E violation; most of the remaining tickets were dismissed or are pending. The State audit found that, during its first 15 months in operation, the treatment referral hotline received just 119 calls at a cost to the state of \$7,000 per call; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110 has reduced the deterrent effect of drug laws, making it more likely that people would use drugs; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110 has increased drug use and has led to a number of public health issues, including HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis C, Syphilis, and mental health problems. The increase in drug usage because of Measure 110 has made providing health care to the people who need it much more difficult; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110 has contributed to an increase in property crimes. A study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse found that drug users are more likely to commit property crimes than non-drug users. The study found that drug users are 2.5 times more likely to commit burglary, 2 times more likely to commit larceny, and 1.5 times more likely to commit motor vehicle theft; and

WHEREAS, person and domestic crimes have seen a massive increase since the implementation of Measure 110, and most violent crimes have a link to drugs; and

WHEREAS, drug users are more likely to be involved in drug trafficking. As study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime found that drug users are 2.5 times more likely to be involved in drug trafficking than non-drug users; and

WHEREAS, members of law enforcement, Douglas County Sheriff Hanlin, Douglas County District Attorney Wesenberg and the Douglas County Commissioners, have reported that Measure 110 has made it much more difficult to motivate drug users to enter treatment. The threat of arrest and prosecutions has been removed by Measure 110, which has also decreased the ability to find and create

cases against dealers; and

WHEREAS, hiring processes for both peace officers and prosecutorial personnel have seen greatly decreased interest due to the decriminalization of drugs and increases in crime since the implementation of Measure 110; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110 has led to an increase in unauthorized camping, dumping of garbage, and dumping of human waste on the land and waters which spreads diseases; and

WHEREAS, Measure 110 has made Oregon a destination for drug users from other states, and a confirmed seller's market for cartels and foreign actors. This is because Oregon is one of the few states where drug possession is made possible by Measure 110; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Sheriff Hanlin, Douglas County District Attorney Wesenburg, Douglas County Commissioners Kress, Boice and Freeman, our State Senator David Brock Smith, State Representatives Goodwin & Osborne, have passed resolutions and have called for the repeal of Measure 110; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, supports the efforts of our elected officials, and believes that the negative effects and long-term threats to the health, life and safety of the citizens of Douglas County by Measure 110 are serious and that Measure 110 needs to be repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County Republican Central Committee calls on Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, to immediately convene an Emergency Special Session of the Oregon Legislature for the sole purpose of repealing Measure 110.

Declared in Roseburg, Oregon, this 18th day of November 2023.