



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19-10

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

DATE: November 29, 2018

### AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL GRANT BEING SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Drug Abuse has advertised a grant entitled "HEALing Communities Study: Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis";

WHEREAS, this grant would allow localities to leverage the nationally recognized Virginia Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) program and help meet the needs of the Medicaid expansion population with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). In the first year after the implementation of ARTS, over 20,000 Medicaid members sought care with an OUD. It is estimated that Medicaid expansion will more than double this number, estimating up to 32,000 additional Medicaid expansion members will have OUD;

WHEREAS, activities and programs funded by the grant are flexible, community-driven and include an array of evidence-based prevention and treatment interventions with the goal of reducing the overdose death rate by 40% over 3 years;

WHEREAS, concentrated community efforts will be supported in collaboration with universities and health systems that can provide organizational and technical assistance throughout the duration of the grant, enhancing existing relationships while creating a cohort of local and regional expertise;

WHEREAS, 19 localities in Virginia are eligible to participate in this project. In Northern Virginia the Cities of Manassas, Manassas Park and Fairfax have been identified as eligible to participate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission is authorized to craft, sign and dispatch a letter expressing the Region's support of this grant application.



#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on November 29, 2018.

  
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ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER