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## RESOLUTION 2018-R-07

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR, NORTH CAROLINA, IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 662

**WHEREAS**, opioid overdose deaths have increased in North Carolina from 642 in 2005 to 1,384 in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 10 years Granville County experienced a 500 percent increase in the number of opioid related deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 40 percent of individuals with opioid use disorder have untreated chronic mental and physical health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20 percent of individuals with opioid substance use disorder are uninsured and ineligible for Medicaid, and therefore cannot pay for treatment of chronic mental and physical health conditions; and approximately 6,800 people have no health insurance coverage in Granville County; and,

**WHEREAS**, health care coverage for low income individuals with opioid use disorder would greatly reduce the drain on state and county funds to pay for expensive and lengthy rehabilitation treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, health care coverage for low income individuals would also enhance the health, quality of life and employability of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians without opioid use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, a North Carolina legislative model for insurance-like health coverage for such low-income individuals exists under House Bill 662, Carolina Cares, submitted in March, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2018 short session of the General Assembly to develop and approve House Bill 662, a North Carolina plan to make insurance-like health coverage available to low income North Carolinians.

Adopted the 1st day of May, 2018.

Robert V. Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. McCorkle, Clerk

