

RESOLUTION NO. 16 , 2015

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEROIN COALITION TASK-FORCE**

WHEREAS, heroin-involved deaths in Hamilton County, including homicides and overdose fatalities numbered 177 in 2014 and 182 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement authorities on the local, state, and federal level recognize that heroin-involved deaths require a coordinated response from law enforcement together with other community resources, and further require a consistent investigative response across jurisdictional lines; and

WHEREAS, the epidemic of heroin-involved deaths and overdose incidents constitutes a present public emergency affecting the safety and health of county residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has formed the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition to serve as a platform for collaboration between cities, townships, and agencies now addressing the heroin / opiate addiction problem and its attendant issues; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition has established a law enforcement task force to investigate and prosecute crimes related to heroin overdose incidents in Hamilton County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Montgomery has adopted and participates in the countywide mutual aid agreement which provides for multi-jurisdictional cooperation in law enforcement matters including multi-jurisdictional drug task forces;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Police Department is hereby authorized to participate in the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force together with other law enforcement agencies in the investigation of heroin overdose incidents.

SECTION 2. The Chief of Police is authorized to enter into a memoranda of understanding with the Task Force and other local, state, and federal authorities to accomplish the purposes for which the task force was formed.

PASSED: June 3, 2015

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Todd A. Steinbrink
Todd A. Steinbrink, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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