

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
FOURTEENTH SESSION  
JANUARY 24, 2018**

**RESOLUTION #4715**

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AND RESIDENCE  
HALL ASSOCIATION**

**DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SAVING OF LIVES AND THE PREVENTION OF  
OPIOID OVERDOSES ON THE CAMPUS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

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SPONSORED BY: Michael Wells, President; Wes Taylor, RHA Director of Residential Events and Programming, Student

WRITTEN BY: Isabel Brown, Speaker of the Senate; Kyra Ferguson, President, Residence Hall Association; Liam Aubrey, Senator, College of Business; Josh Williams, Committee Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee, Senator, Multi-Faith and Belief Council

COLLABORATED WITH: Colorado State University Police Department; Anne Hudgens, Director, Colorado State University Health Network

ENDORSED BY: Kyrie Merline, Director of Marketing; CJ Ash, Senator, ALVS; Josh Lindell, Chair, University Affairs Committee, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Hanna Johnson, Director of Community Affairs; Corbin Hart, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Bayler Shubert, Director of Academics; Merall Sherif, Power Chair, Senator, WGAC; Cerridwyn Nordstrom, Senator, RDS; Alissa Huber, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Yuval Rosenthal, Speaker Pro Tempore; Morgan Seiter, Senator, College of Agriculture; Haneen Badri, Associate Senator, BAAC; Rebecca Rathburn, Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences; Conner Hendrick, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Daria Kramer, Associate Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Mel Quesada, Associate Senator, College of Business; Rachael Dines, Associate Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Delray Echohawk, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Annie Williamson, Associate Senator, APACC; Madeline Draper, Senator, CVMBS; Jack Wold, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Jenny Murray, Associate Senator, College of Liberal Arts;

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ABSTRACT: This is a resolution encouraging the Colorado State University Administration and Department of Residence Life to change the existing policy in response to student opioid overdoses in the Rams community in an effort to save lives and prevent further opioid overdoses.

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**WHEREAS**

The use of opiate medications is a health issue that affects many in our community and is essential to many with chronic illness or pain, and the misuse, or abuse can lead to the jeopardy of residents' lives, health, and wellbeing; and,

**WHEREAS**

ASCSU recognizes that this is an epidemic affecting individuals of all identities and backgrounds, and supports equitable interaction regarding this issue in all legal, political, and systemic processes, including between RHA and the University; and

**WHEREAS**

There is currently limited easy access to Narcan and other overdose preventing medicines on the campus of Colorado State University; and

**WHEREAS**

Over 30,000 Americans died in 2015 as a result of an opioid overdose, the Nation is in the midst of the largest opioid crisis ever seen, and it might potentially strike Colorado State University community at any point in time; and

**WHEREAS**

This number of 30,000 American deaths in 2015 climbed to a figure of over 65,000 in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**

Students at many universities of different sizes and geographic areas have experienced opioid overdoses and death as a result of an opioid addiction; and

**WHEREAS**

Addiction is a silent killer and anyone can suffer from a life threatening addiction; and

**WHEREAS**

Being that opioid overdose death rates are currently on the rise in the United States, it is imperative that the Associated Students of Colorado State University act in a way that best represents the health of our student body; so,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Associated Students of Colorado State University direct the Office of Housing and Dining Services and Residence Life to train its Resident Assistants in the recognition of an opioid overdose, the administration of Narcan, and equip all RAs on duty with a dosage of Narcan medication for deployment as first aid; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that moving forward Colorado State University will include the number of opioid overdoses and deaths in its annual drug and alcohol report; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that Students who report or are involved in an opioid overdose will receive amnesty from charges pertaining to the overdose if drugs were illicitly obtained; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that a good Samaritan clause be created to protect students and Resident Assistants, who step in to help their friends and fellow classmates in the case of an opioid overdose; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that ASCSU will provide funding as needed for the completion of this resolution; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Tony Frank, President and Chancellor of Colorado State University, Anne Hudgens, Director of the CSU Health Network, Kyra Ferguson, President, RHA, Laura Giles, Director of Residence Life, and Mari Strombom, Interim Director of Housing and Dining.

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