

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-070**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

A resolution supporting the continuance of the prescription drug monitoring program implemented in Section 893.055, Florida Statutes and providing for an effective date.

**WHEREAS**, Florida has a serious problem with the illegal diversion of prescription drugs, and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 7 people a day die in Florida from improper use of prescription drugs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 10-73 on Dec. 14, 2010 which declared a temporary moratorium for any registration applications for a special permit for the establishment of a pain management clinic which establishes a process for the regulation, application and permitting of certain pain management clinics; and and

**WHEREAS**, officials with the Sheriffs' Offices of both Manatee and Sarasota counties have met with DEA officials for training the local law enforcement agencies on tactics to investigate pain clinics and prescription drug abuse, and

**WHEREAS**, the Medical Examiner for Manatee, Sarasota and DeSoto counties reported 60 deaths from Oxycodone alone during the first six months of 2010 and 55 deaths from Xanax during the same period, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 893.055 establishes a prescription drug monitoring program, and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the prescription drug monitoring program database has been funded through grants and private funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing operation of the prescription drug monitoring program is estimated to be \$500,000 which is less than one one-thousandth of the state's overall budget, and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is the largest population state without some type of prescription drug monitoring program, and

**WHEREAS**, nationally Florida is perceived in a negative light for its proliferation of pill mills and out-of-state users flocking to Florida for the drugs, and

**WHEREAS**, prescription drug monitoring programs in other states have proven successful, and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Accounting Office issued a report as early as 1992 noting that prescription drug monitoring programs are beneficial, and

**WHEREAS**, the diversion of prescription drugs is a statewide problem calling for a statewide solution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Medical Association supported the adoption of Ch. 2009-198, Laws of Florida in 2009 that established the prescription drug monitoring program, and

**WHEREAS**, counties are limited in their ability to prevent patients from traveling between counties to doctor shop and obtain multiple prescriptions, and

**WHEREAS**, the prescription drug monitoring program would provide a tool for doctors and pharmacists to use to determine if a patient is doctor shopping or has purchased an excessive amount of prescribed drugs, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida:

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners does not support the Governor’s Budget Recommendation Conforming Bill Office of Drug Control / Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention that repeals section 893.055 Florida Statutes.


**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners supports the continued implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program and the associated database.

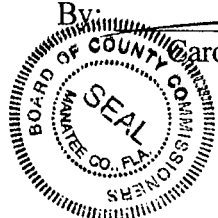
**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, this 3rd day of March, 2011.

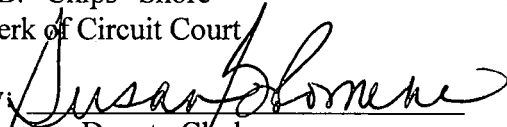
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ATTEST:

By:   
Carol Whitmore, Chairman



R.B. “Chips” Shore  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By:   
Deputy Clerk