

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS HARDWICK, DIXON, RATH AND MILLS**

RE: Support for NYS Legislation to Classify U-47700 ("Pink") as a Schedule I Controlled Substance

WHEREAS, U-47700 is a synthetic opiate, reportedly eight times more potent than heroin, most commonly used in research; and

WHEREAS, originally created by pharmaceutical company Upjohn in the 1970s, U-47700 was developed as an alternative to morphine, yet never approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, the synthetic opioid comes in pill, white powder and liquefied in a nasal inhaler form, and can be mixed with other drugs, and is believed to be manufactured overseas, but can be legally purchased online and shipped; and

WHEREAS, some reports link greater than 80 overdose deaths to the use of U-47700 across numerous states; and

WHEREAS, U-47700 is currently banned in several states including Florida, Georgia, Ohio and Wyoming, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has designated the substance as a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act meaning it has no accepted medical use, a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and a high potential for abuse addiction; and

WHEREAS, critical investigative information was provided by the Erie County Central Police Services Forensics lab to the DEA which directly resulted in U-47700, Furanyl Fentanyl and Butyryl Fentanyl being added to the list of federally controlled substances, New York must take similar steps in our treatment of U-47700; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has prohibited the sale and distribution of U-47700 and similar chemicals; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation has been proposed, NYS Senate Bill S658 and NYS Assembly Bill A7526, to amend public health law to add U-47700 as a Schedule I controlled drug, criminalizing possession and its sale in New York State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body supports bipartisan legislation, NYS Senate Bill S658 and NYS Assembly Bill A7526, to classify U-47700 (commonly known as "Pink") as a schedule I controlled substance, criminalizing possession and its sale in New York State; and

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, the Western New York delegation of the NYS Senate and Assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for this resolution