

**A DECLARATION**  
STATE OF WISCONSIN



COUNTY OF WAUKESHA  
**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**DECLARATION**

WHEREAS the opioid crisis and subsequent fentanyl crisis is of such magnitude that decisive action is necessary to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of all Waukesha County residents; and

WHEREAS fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine and is widely available and highly addictive; and

WHEREAS traffickers are increasingly mass-producing fake pills that are mixed with fentanyl and other illicit drugs and marketed as legitimate prescription medications—increasing the rate of addiction and accidental overdose; and

WHEREAS there has been a significant increase in drug overdose deaths in Waukesha County associated with fentanyl since 2016; and

WHEREAS fentanyl is associated with 71% of all drug-related deaths in Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS fentanyl is the #1 cause of death for Americans under age 50.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that I, Paul Farrow, the County Executive of Waukesha County, do hereby declare

**FENTANYL A COMMUNITY HEALTH CRISIS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY**

FURTHER, I DIRECT:

1. The distribution of opioid settlement money for the purposes of supporting Narcan training, the District Attorney's pre-trial diversion programming, and other related purposes.
2. The Department of Health and Human Services to restart the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) and partner with public and private entities and surrounding counties to share data and best practices.
3. The director of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the US Drug Enforcement Agency's "One Pill Can Kill Campaign."
4. The director of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop measurable objectives to track the County's efforts in the fight against fentanyl and to report results to the County Executive's Office on a quarterly basis.

IN ADDITION, I encourage residents of Waukesha County to educate themselves and their families about the dangers of fentanyl, fentanyl-laced drugs, and accidental overdose and to engage in community-based harm-reduction strategies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive, hereby sign this declaration and affix the seal of Waukesha County on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

PAUL FARROW  
County Executive