

RESOLUTION 16 -16

Resolution Requesting Support for those with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

WHEREAS a significant number of Clallam County residents suffer mental health and substance abuse issues;

WHEREAS these issues not only adversely affect the individuals suffering from the illnesses, but their families and friends, school system, and the community in general;

WHEREAS in consequence crime increases, divorce rates increase, dropout rates increase, school failure rates increase, and the demand for and costs of health services, social services and law enforcement skyrocket; and

WHEREAS these costs are difficult to withstand - especially in rural areas;

WHEREAS it would be more effective and less costly to prevent the problems before they arise;

BE IT RESOLVED that Clallam County Democrats request that all our governments and their elected officials – local, state, and federal – increase efforts to help those adversely affected by mental health and substance abuse issues, especially in rural areas, with the tools necessary to complete their education, receive mental health and substance abuse services, receive treatment options, and fund programs so that people can plan for their future and economic success.

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