



## **National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers**

### **Resolution 3**

#### **In Support of**

#### **The Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of State Court Administrators National Opioid Task Force and Effective Court Responses**

**WHEREAS**, the opioid epidemic is one of the most serious public health problems the United States has faced and one that knows no geographical, political, or governmental boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the misuse of opioids such as heroin, morphine, and prescription pain medicines is not only a devastating public health crisis, it is also placing a significant burden on the criminal justice, corrections, public health, foster care, treatment, and social services systems in many states and localities; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local court systems are facing significant challenges in addressing the opioid epidemic and its consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, courts are in a unique position to promote cooperative leadership in addressing this crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers is dedicated to improving the leadership, governance, operations and integrity of all state and local trial courts;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers endorses and supports the work of the National Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic and Effective Court Responses and encourages all state and local trial court leaders to review, embrace and institute the recommendations of the Task Force as they are developed.

*ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at their September 27, 2017, meeting in Phoenix, AZ.*