



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

### **Resolution 9**

#### **In Support of Policy Recommendations of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force**

**WHEREAS**, the misuse and abuse of opioids and other addictive substances is a devastating national public health crisis affecting the administration of justice in state and local courts in every state; and

**WHEREAS**, trial courts are positioned to respond to the epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators established the National Judicial Opioid Task Force to develop tools, resources, and policy recommendations to address the epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the National Judicial Opioid Task Force developed a set of best practice and policy recommendations to guide state and local courts in their development, operation, and assessment of judicial responses to the epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations are structured into six primary categories: Judicial Leadership; Communication and Collaboration; Treatment and Services; Court-based Programs and Strategies; Judicial Branch Education; and Legislation and Funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers endorse the recommendations developed by the National Judicial Opioid Task Force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers encourage inclusion of the policy recommendations in training and education for court staff and judicial officers, as well as the development and operation of court programs, practices, and policies implemented in response to the abuse and misuse of opioids and other addictive substances.

*ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at their August 21, 2019, meeting in Minneapolis, MN.*