



ALBERTA FEDERATION
OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

Resolution 18-01

RESOLUTION TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PILL PRESS MACHINES

WHEREAS The Province of Alberta is in the midst of a public health crisis. During the first 9 months of 2017, over 400 Albertans lost their lives due to unintentional overdoses of illicit street drugs containing the active ingredient fentanyl. This is in addition to the 343 who died in 2016; **and,**

WHEREAS Alberta is not the only province in crisis. British Columbia experienced 914 illicit drug overdose deaths involving fentanyl in the first 9 months of 2017. It declared a public health emergency in 2016 after 666 people died from fentanyl related overdoses. All provinces in Canada are being adversely impacted by the distribution of illicit drugs containing fentanyl; **and,**

WHEREAS Pill form is the distribution method of choice for criminal organizations producing illicit drugs containing fentanyl. Pills are easily made and can be produced to resemble legitimate prescription drugs, which are often considered safe by illicit drug users; **and,**

WHEREAS Pill press machines are inexpensive, readily available and facilitate the production of illicit street drugs in pill form; **and,**

WHEREAS There is presently no federal legislation restricting the possession, sale, importing or exporting of pill press machines and provincial legislation (as exists in Alberta) has limited impact.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT

The Alberta Federation of Police Associations calls upon the Government of Canada to create federal legislation restricting the possession, sale, import and export of pill press machines within Canada.