

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN RESOLUTION AGAINST FENTANYL

WHEREAS, Fentanyl, which was originally developed in Belgium in the 1960's as an opioid to relieve chronic pain, has become a nationwide crisis, and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl is causing massive destruction to communities all across the United States, and

WHEREAS, 107,000 Americans overdosed last year and two-thirds of that figure are estimated to be caused by Fentanyl, and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is unique in its ability to cause overdoses, as just 2mg of Fentanyl is enough to cause an overdose, roughly the same as a shake of salt, and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl, due to its incredibly high potency, as well as its chemical makeup, is incredibly affordable and, unfortunately for U.S. border security, easy to traffic, and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic, and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023 alone, CBP has seized over 20,000 pounds of Fentanyl coming across the Southwest Border – enough to kill over 4.6 billion people, and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl mixed with Xylazine is an emerging threat in the U.S., because Xylazine, which is an animal tranquilizer, can be life-threatening and is especially dangerous when combined with opioids like Fentanyl, and

WHEREAS, internationally, the United States needs to continue to bolster strong relations with Mexico in order to protect lives on both sides of the Southern Border, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Federation of Republican Women firmly demand that the Biden Administration close the Southern Border of the United States <u>now</u> to stop the massive influx of deadly Fentanyl, and to protect the lives of American citizens.

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