

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-237**

**Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
October 6, 2021**

WHEREAS, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2021, as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a multiple purposes: to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin and fentanyl use in our state; to reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support; and to communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of, and the link between, prescription opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, state lawmakers and members of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Township[Committee of the Township of Warren supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that October 6, 2021, be recognized as, **KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE DAY** in Warren Township.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	X	MAZIARZ	X			
X		MARION	X			
		DINARDO	X			
		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on September 23, 2021.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk