

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2020-116

**Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day
October 6, 2020**

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, 2020, as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a dual purpose: to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin use rates in our state, reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support, and 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, 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, Join Together Atlantic County (JTAC) 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, 2020, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Borough of Longport, New Jersey.

RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE						
COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO	X				X	
LEEDS	X					
LAWLER	X					X
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION:
9/16/2020

/s/ MONICA A. KYLE, RMC