

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE DAY

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, 2018 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a dual purpose: to educate families of the addictive qualities of opioid pain medicines and their link to heroin abuse rates in New Jersey, 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 healthcare 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

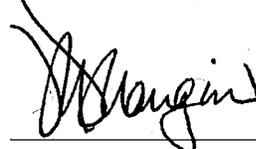
WHEREAS, Freedom House, Inc. supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes October 6, 2018 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Township of Raritan, Flemington, New Jersey.



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

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Michael Mangin
Mayor