Resolution #220-2023 Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day October 6, 2023

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, 2023, 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 City of Margate City 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, 2023, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the City of Margate City.

ROLL CALL:

NAME	MOTION	SECONDED	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Collins		X	X			
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Horn	X		X			

DATE: October 2, 2023

CERTIFICTION

I, Johanna Casey, Clerk of Margate City, Atlantic County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the City of Margate City at a meeting of said Commission held on October 2, 2023 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Compaission,

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk