SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 35

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2018

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Joint Resolution No. 35.

This resolution permanently designates October 6 as "Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day" 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 and across the country.

Under the joint resolution, the Governor is requested to issue an annual proclamation recognizing October 6 as "Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day" in New Jersey and call upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the day with appropriate activities and programs.