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**MAYOR PAPENFUSE JOINS THE FIGHT TO BRING AWARENESS TO
OPIOID USAGE BY CONSTRUCTION WORKERS**

Harrisburg, PA -- Mayor Eric Papenfuse presented a proclamation to Keystone Contractors Association (KCA) to recognize July 22 - July 28, 2018 as "Construction Opioids Awareness Week". The Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously supported a Keystone Contractors Association (KCA) resolution (House Resolution Bill No. 981) declaring the last full week of July as "Construction Opioid Awareness Week". House Resolution Bill No. 981 suggests that construction companies promote awareness of the problem and potential solutions.

"Construction workers are involved in very physically demanding jobs and because of that many turn to medication for relief. Twenty percent of all prescribed medications to the construction industry contain an opioid in it and we feel the industry needs to be better educated on this addictive medication", said Jon O'Brien.

Mayor Papenfuse and the City of Harrisburg will join other government entities to encourage the construction industry to promote awareness of the dangers of opioids and prescription drug abuse with workers in the industry and facilitate discussions and events to combat the opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic within the Commonwealth construction industry.

Citizen's wishing to find help with drug and alcohol treatment services can do so by contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs "PA GET HELP NOW 1.800.662.4357 (HELP)".

Please refer to: PA Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Programs website at:
<https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/GetHelpNow/PillDrop.aspx> to assist with locating "Drug Take-Back" locations within Central Pennsylvania.

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