

INSERT STATE ASSOCIATION OR CLINIC LOGO

RE: Request for Formal Resolution Commemorating September 2017:
Drug-Free Pain Management Month

June XX, 2017

The Honorable First Name, Last Name
Street Address
City/Town, State, Zip Code

Dear TITLE (Governor, Assembly) AND LAST NAME,

In response to the opioid abuse crisis and alarming death rate both nationally and in our state, our organization requests that you sponsor a formal resolution commemorating September 2017 as Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month.

In light of the following statistics, we are launching this campaign with the full support of our members statewide:

- “Four out of five heroin abusers started with prescription pain killers.” - Marc Siegel, MD, NYU Langone Medical Center, Fox News Medical Correspondent, *American Opioid Epidemic*, [Wall Street Journal](#), March 28, 2017.
- Between [2000 and 2014](#), the rate of death from prescription opioid overdose nearly quadrupled.
- [80 percent](#) of heroin users reported using prescription opioids prior to heroin.
- We are losing [91 people](#) a day from opioid overdoses.

Chiropractic care is drug-free, evidence-based and a primary option for pain management that yields improved clinical outcomes, reduced costs and high levels of patient satisfaction. Please take this opportunity to visit www.drugfreepaincare.org and review our white papers, ‘[Chiropractic: A Safer Strategy than Opioids](#),’ and ‘[Chiropractic: A Key to America’s Opioid Exit Strategy](#).’

We have prepared a Resolution for review. Please see the accompanying document.

Please help to advance care that is drug-free, safer and effective. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Sincerely,

FIRST NAME, LAST NAME

TITLE, ORGANIZATION

EMAIL; PHONE NUMBER