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October Recognized as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

(New Philadelphia, Ohio) – In a national proclamation issued earlier this month, President Donald Trump declared October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.

“During National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our unyielding commitment to breaking the grip of alcohol and drug addiction. Through our continued national effort, we will save lives and work to ensure a stronger and healthier country,” President Trump stated in the proclamation.

In total, close to 400,000 Americans have lost their lives to opioid overdoses since the turn of the century nationwide. Locally in Tuscarawas County, there has been a 283% increase in overdose deaths since 2019.

The community is asked to join the national recognition to remember the lives lost to addiction and to commit to protecting others from the devastating effects drugs can have on them and their loved ones. “Locally, we have participation and an unwavering dedication to this cause across all sectors,” explained Jodi Salvo, ADC Coordinator. “As we continue to say, this is a fight that requires the whole community in order to win.”

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”

For more information on local prevention efforts and resources visit adctusc.org.