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### **Drug Addiction Awareness in Kent County**

**Dover** – Almost everyone has been touched by the effects of substance abuse in one way or another. That’s why Kent County Levy Court and its employees are asking Kent Countians to help support the “Go Purple” substance abuse awareness movement. In a Countywide initiative Kent County Levy Court Departments are showing their support from the Administrative Complex, to the Public Safety Department to the Clerk of the Peace.

At its August 21, Combined Business and Committee meetings, Levy Court Commissioners resolved to designate September 9 – 22, 2018 as “Drug Addiction Awareness Weeks,” during the National Recovery Month. Commissioner James E. Hosfelt, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, represents Levy Court on, the Vines Project, Kent County’s Drug Prevention Coalition co-founded by City of Dover Councilman David Anderson and local Pastor, Carol Harris. The project began in late 2017.

The Vines Project partnered with The Herron Project Purple Initiative, developed by Chris Herren, a former NBA player who struggled with substance abuse throughout his career. Determined to make a difference, Chris Herren established The Herren Project’s Purple Initiative with its goal aimed at creating public awareness and education on the substance abuse epidemic and promoting sobriety among people, especially among teens. Information on the Herron Project’s Project Purple Website states that, “nearly every day, someone in Delaware loses their battle with heroin, prescription painkillers, or other addictive drugs.” For help, visit [www.helpisherede.org](http://www.helpisherede.org).

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