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Senator Ken LaValle Announces Heroin & Lyme Disease Brochures Available For Downloading

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM
SENATOR KEN LAVALLE
HEROIN RESOURCES AND
HOW TO COMBAT ADDICTION**

August 29, 2016 – Senator Ken LaValle has announced the new availability of two brochures to be downloaded from his senate web site. One brochure contains information on heroin resources, and the second flyer provides material concerning Lyme disease.

Senator LaValle said, “Heroin and opioid addiction has claimed the lives of too many people in our communities. While we have taken legislative actions towards resolving the myriad of

issues and secured funding to provide awareness of the problem, I felt there was a need to communicate resources to my constituents as well. The brochure was mailed throughout my senate district this past month, but by now making it available in a digital format, it can be distributed more widely to those who can benefit from the information.” Senator LaValle has been a member of the NY Senate Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction since 2014.

Senator LaValle, who is also a member of the NY Senate Coalition Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases, said, “The continuing high incidence of these tick-borne illnesses necessitates that we increase awareness of the disease as we continue to take steps to eradicate the problem. Over the past several years, I have produced the brochure and distributed it via the US mail. It is one of the most requested pamphlets in my office, and as such, would also be more widely distributed in a digital format. It’s my hope that individuals download and share the brochures with as many people they feel would be interested in the topics.”

Senator LaValle, a past Co-chair of the Senate Coalition Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases, noted that the state has invested \$1.7 million dollars for research, education and tick-borne disease prevention efforts over the past three years.

The heroin resources and Lyme Disease information brochures join the “Hurricane preparedness checklist” available for downloading on Senator LaValle’s website at LaValle.NYSenate.gov

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