

Gov. Walker: ICYMI: Governor Walker signs bipartisan H.O.P.E. reforms to help address Wisconsin's opioid epidemic

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Legislation spearheaded by State Rep. John Nygren offers example of lawmakers delivering results for Wisconsin communities

[Madison, Wis.] – In case you missed it, on Monday Gov. Scott Walker signed into law 11 bills that are part of the bipartisan H.O.P.E. agenda to help address Wisconsin's opioid epidemic.

The legislation shows how the leadership of Gov. Walker, State Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, and others is delivering results for Wisconsin communities.

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New H.O.P.E. laws create recovery charter school, more rural addiction centers

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WBAY TV

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Gov. Scott Walker signed seven new H.O.P.E. agenda bills into law during visits to De Pere and Schofield Monday.

H.O.P.E. stands for Heroin Opiate Prevention and Education.

“It knows no boundary, therefore we need solutions that cross every boundary possible,” said Gov. Walker during his De Pere stop. “So these are bills that provide more tools, more assistance, along with money in the budget to provide additional assistance.”

The agenda has been a mission for Republican Rep. John Nygren of Marinette. Nygren’s daughter has struggled with heroin addiction. He says Wisconsin has made a lot of progress, but there is still a long way to go.

“Typically in politics it is a one off, and you are done, and you take a victory lap,” said Rep. Nygren. “But on an issue where we are still losing people at a rapid rate to overdose death, in a world we are still struggling with addiction, there is no victory lap.”

Gov. Walker signed four bills regarding addiction treatment and prescriptions at the Medical College – Green Bay campus. He signed three bills regarding schools at DC Everest High School in Schofield.

The bills were passed during a special session with bipartisan support. ...

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