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District Attorney Lykos Supports DEA “Pill Take Back” Event

(Houston, Tx) Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos urges citizens to support the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in their “Pill Take Back” drive. The annual event safely disposes of unused or expired medications. People can take these items to a convenient collection location on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Collection sites can be found by accessing the www.dea.gov web site.

Last September, over 121 tons of medication was collected by the DEA in the nation-wide event. Other supporters of the public safety initiative include the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff’s Department, Community of Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, the United States Attorney’s Office and many other supporters from the medical and law enforcement communities.

The DEA’s Acting Special Agent Thomas Hinojosa urges citizens to check medicine cabinets for unused or expired prescription medications as part of the initiative. Medications can then be delivered to one of the many state-wide deposit locations for safe disposal of the drugs.

“Prescription medications are often abused by teens or innocently accessed by children,” Lykos stated. “We strive to minimize these occurrences by encouraging responsible disposal of unused or expired pills. Many do not realize how dangerous prescription medications can be when in the wrong hands. Pills kill. Take the drugs, and dump them. Keep our families safe.” (END)