



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-290

Adopt a resolution recognizing August 31, 2024, as International Overdose Awareness Day; a day of remembrance of all lives lost or forever changed by drug overdose, with the theme, "Together we can" underscoring the importance of coming together as an international community to create change.....)

WHEREAS, following several years of decline, the number of opioid related deaths in Monterey County has increased annually from 7 deaths in 2017 to 31 deaths in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey's health system including but not limited to Natividad and the Health Department's Behavioral Health Bureau, Clinic Services Bureau, Emergency Medical Services Agency, and Public Health Bureau reaffirm its commitment to overcoming this public health and safety crisis by raising awareness of substance use to help prevent stigmatization of addiction, promote effective treatments, celebrate those in recovery, and reinforce collective efforts to prevent future tragedies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey commits to continuous efforts to educate the community on drug overdose signs and symptoms, stimulate discussion on overdose prevention, provide available resources, host prevention activities within the community, and provide access to care and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a time to remember the lives lost and to find hope in the more than 20 million Americans recovering from substance use disorders, highlighting what is possible when people are given the care, treatment and support they need; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of August 2024

Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Alejo

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary I. Adams

