

State of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths and remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury due to drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, it also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, an overdose occurs when a drug (or combination of drugs), including prescription medications prescribed by a doctor, overwhelms the body; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has estimated that 67,367 people in the United States had died from an overdose; and

WHEREAS, Opioids—mainly synthetic opioids (other than methadone)—are currently the main driver of drug overdose deaths and involved in 46,802 overdose deaths in 2018; and

WHEREAS, new federal data show U.S. fatal drug overdoses rose last year, reversing a one-year-decline; and

WHEREAS, provisional data from the CDC include 70,980 fatal overdoses in 2019 with about 1,000 more deaths likely to be added, marking a 4.8% increase from the year before; and

WHEREAS, experts say numbers will continue to increase as overdose deaths spike amid the COVID-19 pandemic as it affects our nation's mental health and risk of substance use; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize August 31, 2020 as

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Florida and encourage all residents to raise awareness through social media using hashtags #OverdoseAware or #EndOverdose.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 11th day of August, 2020.





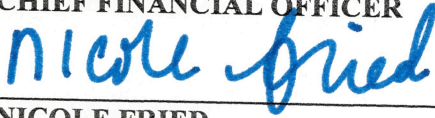
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