

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

RESOLUTION

The City Council of the City of Lowell wishes to go on record to declare August 31<sup>th</sup> in the City of Lowell to be International Overdose Awareness Day.

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WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized globally on August 31<sup>st</sup> to raise awareness about the risks of overdose, honor the individuals whose lives have been lost, and acknowledge the grief felt by families, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS, each year, tens of thousands of Americans die from overdoses and International Overdose Awareness Day shares the message that overdose deaths occur in all communities among people from every walk of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell stands beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery; and

WHEREAS, by declaring August 31<sup>st</sup> as International Overdose Awareness Day, the City of Lowell hopes to call additional attention to overdoses and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and thereby bring awareness to the public health issue of addiction.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL as follows:

That we, the members of the City Council of the City of Lowell be recorded to declare August 31<sup>st</sup> in the City of Lowell as International Overdose Awareness Day .