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RESOLUTION

Recognizing August 31, 2017 as
'International Overdose Awareness Day' in New Jersey

July 19, 2017

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease and International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, International Overdoes Awareness Day 2017 theme is 'Time To Remember; Time To Act', and to that end this day should stimulate discussion in order to educate communities about overdose prevention, and provide basic information on the range of support services that exist in local communities; and

WHEREAS, this day provides an opportunity for people to publicly mourn for loved ones, some for the first time, without feeling guilt or shame; and

WHEREAS, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate New Jersey's communities about overdose prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes August 31, 2017 as 'Overdose Awareness Day' in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse-Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.

Neil Van Ess
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

July 19th 2017
Date