

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Proclamation

**DESIGNATING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST 2024
AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global campaign held on August 31 to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of family and friends left behind;
- WHEREAS, in 2022, 35 people fatally overdosed in Lake County which is the second-highest overdose death rate in the state of California and was 3 times higher than the California rate. Lake County's rate was 56/100k compared to California's rate of 19/100k deaths. Data from [CA Overdose Dashboard](#)
- WHEREAS, all overdose deaths are preventable via access to harm reduction, health care, substance use prevention and treatment services, and naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal agent;
- WHEREAS, people who use drugs continue to be stigmatized and marginalized, discouraging them from accessing care and treatment;
- WHEREAS, every person should have access to resources that prevent overdose and other causes of drug-related mortality, including naloxone, sterile needles, drug testing, and medication for addiction treatment;
- WHEREAS, in Lake County, dedicated prescribers of medication for addiction treatment, harm reduction providers, behavioral health providers, and addiction recovery programs work tirelessly to provide residents with these resources;
- WHEREAS, local communities play a crucial role in eliminating the stigma of addiction, including residents, elected officials, parents, private and public organizations, hospitals, law enforcement, first responders, schools, and colleges;
- WHEREAS, SafeRx Lake County, an overdose prevention coalition comprised of local agencies and organizations including Lake County Behavioral Health and Lake County Health Services, will host its fourth annual commemoration of International Overdose Awareness Day in Upper Lake Park on Saturday, August 17, from 10am to 2pm;

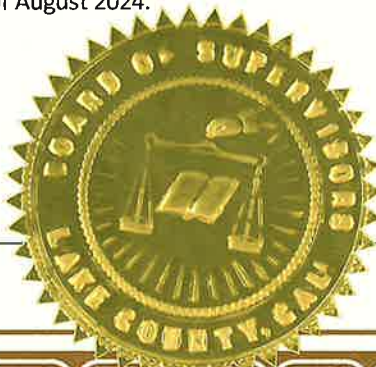
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate August 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day and urges Lake County citizens to join in this important observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2024.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____
Deputy



Chair, Board of Supervisors