

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING AUGUST 31, 2026
AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global campaign held on August 31 to end overdose, remember those who have died without stigma, and acknowledge the grief of family and friends left behind; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, 21 people fatally overdosed in Lake County which was the 12th highest overdose death rate in the state of California and is almost 2 times higher than the California rate. Lake County's rate was 27.78/100k compared to California's rate of 14.48/100k deaths. Data from CA Overdose Dashboard; and

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; people who use drugs continue to be stigmatized and marginalized, discouraging them from accessing care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in Lake County, dedicated prescribers of medication for addiction treatment, behavioral health providers, and addiction recovery programs work tirelessly to provide residents with these resources; all overdose deaths are preventable via access to risk mitigation tools, health care, substance use prevention and treatment services, and naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal agent; and

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; and

WHEREAS, SafeRx Lake County, an overdose prevention coalition comprised of local agencies and organizations including Lake County Behavioral Health and Lake County Health Services, hosted its sixth annual commemoration of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 22.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate August 31, 2026 as International Overdose Awareness Day and urges Lake County citizens to join in this important observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors