

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING APRIL 29th 2026 AS FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl use impacts adults and youth of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC 79,384 people in the United States died of drug overdoses in 2024. Between 2023 and 2024, the drug overdose rate involving synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, decreased by 35.6%; and

WHEREAS, through acknowledgement of Fentanyl Awareness Day, Lake County creates a space for organizations, community, affected individuals and family members to come together, sharing experiences as a whole group to counsel our youth and the public about the dangers of fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, with commitment and support, fentanyl related deaths can be prevented; however, patience and continued emphasis on education and prevention are imperative; and

WHEREAS, while expanding access to fentanyl test strips and the emergency overdose reversal drug, naloxone, is key to reducing fentanyl use, poisoning and overdose, the stigma that surrounds drug use, addiction, and overdose often makes it difficult for communities to implement these measures and effectively address the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, today, Lake County joins all those who have been affected by fentanyl use in spreading awareness of its harm and reminds community members that anyone can save a life by educating themselves on the signs of an overdose, learning how to administer naloxone, and calling 911; and

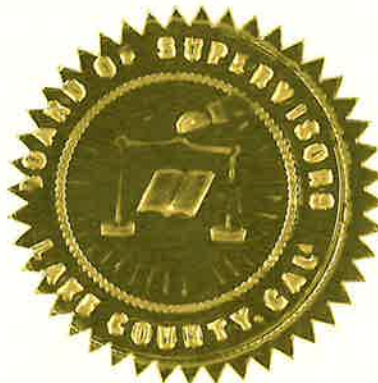
WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Supervisors and Lake County Health Services Department, and its SafeRx coalition, urge all citizens, families, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, healthcare, education systems in Lake County to support efforts that will increase community awareness, understanding and action to address fentanyl use in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate April 29th 2026 as Fentanyl Awareness Day in Lake County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors