

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, communities throughout the Commonwealth and the Nation continue to fight the battles of drug use, addiction, alcoholism and overdose every day; and

WHEREAS, overdose is the leading cause of accidental death and everyone can help prevent overdose deaths by being aware of the signs of overdose, knowing how to respond in the event of an overdose, having Naloxone available and disposing of unwanted prescription medication at drop box locations throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, every day we lose 10 Pennsylvanians to substance use disorder, we acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all socio-economic groups, geographical regions and ages; we must encourage friends and relatives of people with substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 23 million adults are living in long term recovery and at least one in four families in Pennsylvania is impacted by the chronic disease of addiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Centre will continue to educate the community about substance use disorders, the effectiveness of treatment and recovery services and that recovery is possible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **August 31, 2021** as "**Overdose Awareness Day**" in Centre County to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of substance use disorders and drug-related deaths.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **September 2021** as "**National Recovery Month**" in Centre County to recognize the strength and resilience of individuals living in recovery as well as to support those with substance use disorders to consider seeking treatment.

ADOPTED this 17th day of August 2021.



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