



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The increasing epidemic of drug overdose fatalities and injuries is of grave concern to all Minnesotans, impacting communities around the state; and,
- WHEREAS: As a community and state, we honor those lost to the growing epidemic of overdose-related death; support those who struggle with drug use or abuse; and reinforce the belief that no one should feel shame or disgrace due to an overdose-related death of a loved one; and
- WHEREAS: Overdose Awareness Day provides an opportunity to recognize that painkillers and other prescription medications play an important role in the well-being of some Minnesotans, but that misusing or abusing these drugs can have tragic and long-term consequences; and
- WHEREAS: Overdose Awareness Day reminds us to recognize that every human being is worthy of our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose, and it is imperative to support overdose prevention policies and projects, and to help the wider community understand that drug overdose is a social issue, which impacts not only the victim, but families, friends, and the community; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have a proud tradition of collaboration with international events as part of our active participation as global citizens, and International Overdose Awareness Day is celebrated globally on August 31st by thousands of people who will stand beside the friends and families of fatal overdose victims to remember those we have lost to overdoses, support those who are with us, and recommit to overdose prevention efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 31, 2018, as:

MINNESOTA OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE