

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and;

WHEREAS, we recognize that the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day is to remember loved ones lost to overdose and to end the stigma surrounding substance use disorder (SUD) and drug-related deaths; and;

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which continues to claim the lives of community members every year and forever affects those who loved and cared about them;

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support and remembrance;

THEREFORE, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, along with the Contra Costa County MEDS Coalition, the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse, BAART and other community partners do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day.