

# Before the Board of County Commissioners Martin County, Florida

## A Proclamation

Declaring International Overdose Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida

**Whereas,** the American Medical Association defines addiction as a disease, and the stigma associated with drug dependency must be addressed as the rate of suspected opioid overdoses in the U.S. has become a public health crisis; and

**Whereas,** the Martin County Board of County Commissioners joins with the United States Department of Health and Human Services in its efforts on five major priorities:

1. Improving access to treatment and recovery services
2. Promoting use of overdose reversing drugs
3. Strengthening our understanding of the epidemic through better public health surveillance, prevention and education
4. Providing support on cutting edge research on pain and addiction
5. Advancing better practices for pain management; and

**Whereas,** by acknowledging all those who have been affected by drug overdoses, we help the general public understand its effects on the Martin County community; and

**Whereas,** the Martin County Board of County Commissioners remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate our community about prescription and other drug overdoses.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that August 31, 2019 is International Overdose Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida.

Presented this Twenty-seventh Day of August 2019

ATTEST:

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