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RESOLUTION

Recognizing August 31, 2015 as
"Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey

October 21, 2015

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease and the stigma associated with addiction must be addressed so that no one feels shame or disgrace over a drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths have doubled in the past 14 years, with 44 people dying as a result of prescription opioid overdose in the United States, every day; and

WHEREAS, the rate of heroin-related overdose deaths nearly quadrupled between 2002 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2015 International Overdose Awareness Day is Rethink and Remember, a call to action to raise awareness and prevent drug overdose through education and community support; and

WHEREAS, by acknowledging all those who have been affected by overdose, we help the general public understand its effects on New Jersey's communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate New Jersey's communities about overdose prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes August 31, 2015 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman


Date