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RESOLUTION

Recognizing August 31, 2016 as
"International Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey

September 21, 2016

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease and International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, this day provides an opportunity for people to publicly mourn for loved ones, some for the first time, without feeling guilt or shame; and

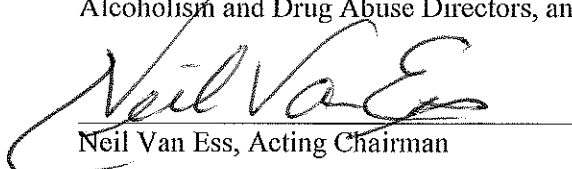
WHEREAS, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued; and

WHEREAS, this day should stimulate discussion about overdose prevention and drug policy, and provide basic information on the range of support services that exist in local 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, 2016 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; County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman


Date