

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** International Overdose Awareness Day aims to bring communities together to remember without stigma those who have died from overdose and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind; and

**WHEREAS:** Observance of this day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the risk of overdose, promote discussion about prevention, and share information about support services; and

**WHEREAS:** Addiction is a disease that touches families in every community. The epidemic has claimed the lives of thousands of Massachusetts residents and affected countless other family members; and

**WHEREAS:** Those affected by overdose are our children, our parents, our siblings, and deserve our compassion and support; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Needham, Massachusetts does affirm and acknowledge the pain and hardship caused by drug overdose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Needham Select Board hereby proclaims August 31st, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Day in Needham.

Signed the 9th day of August 2022



*Mr. Cooley*

*Miss Moran*

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**SELECT BOARD OF NEEDHAM**