

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM
2025 INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE
AWARENESS DAY 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 August 31st, 2025 be declared International Overdose Awareness Day in the Town of Needham.

Signed this twelfth day of August, 2025



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