



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is committed to the prevention, treatment, and recovery of children and adults with serious mental illnesses or substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, families across Florida and the United States have been impacted by the issues associated with illicit drug use; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to work together to ensure all Floridians can receive the quality mental health and substance use treatment they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement, first responders, mental health providers, doctors and nurses across the state working to protect our communities and combat drug use are pivotal in Florida's fight against the overdose epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet, under the direction of First Lady Casey DeSantis, has made mental health and substance abuse challenges a priority in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day in Florida is an important opportunity to raise awareness of the issues surrounding substance abuse to prevent more drug overdose related deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 31, 2020, as *International Overdose Awareness Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 17th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty.



Governor