

RESOLUTION
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31, 2018

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, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued, and acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or been injured as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in Marin County. All communities and age groups are impacted; and

WHEREAS, every accidental overdose is preventable, and efforts to prevent substance addiction, abuse and misuse are life-saving; and

WHEREAS, in Marin, most fatal overdoses are caused by opioids, and victims of opioid overdose can be revived with naloxone, a safe, easy to administer, and inexpensive antidote; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to naloxone throughout the community is a key strategy for preventing overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, RxSafe Marin, a community-wide coalition representing health care, law enforcement, public health, behavioral health and concerned parents is prioritizing naloxone awareness and distribution; and

WHEREAS, naloxone is available without a prescription in pharmacies, and residents with loved ones at risk should request naloxone directly from their medical provider or pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, all Marin County police units now carry naloxone, and since initiation of the program in 2017 officers have saved at least six lives from opioid overdose; and

WHEREAS, in Marin County, the Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals, and emergency medical services are partnering to provide outreach to overdose survivors to offer addiction treatment; and

WHEREAS, overdose events nationally continue to rise. While rates in Marin County have declined 22 percent since 2013, much remains to be done to reach the goal of zero overdoses; and

WHEREAS, treatment options for opioid use disorder have grown through implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, as well as federal and state grants to support addiction services at Marin Treatment Center and Marin City Health and Wellness Clinic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims August 31, 2018 as "International Overdose Awareness Day" and encourages people to engage in the prevention and life-saving strategies promoted herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 21st day of August 2018.

DAMON CONNOLLY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1 -
PRESIDENT

KATIE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

