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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Recognizing Overdose Awareness Day

WHEREAS, drug overdose remains a significant public health crisis across the United States, North Carolina, and Chatham County, affecting individuals, families, and communities from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder is a treatable health condition, yet stigma and misunderstanding often prevent individuals from seeking help and accessing recovery supports; and

WHEREAS, the impact of overdose extends beyond the individual, leaving families, friends, coworkers, and communities grieving the loss of loved ones and coping with the lasting effects of addiction; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day serves as an opportunity to honor the lives lost to overdose, recognize those who continue to struggle with substance use disorder, and support those in recovery; and

WHEREAS, recovery is possible, and countless individuals, families, peer support specialists, healthcare providers, first responders, treatment professionals, community organizations, and advocates work every day to promote prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **August 31, 2026, as Overdose Awareness Day in Chatham County, North Carolina**, and encourages all residents to join in recognizing this day by:

- Increasing awareness of the tragedy of drug overdose deaths;
- Reducing stigma associated with addiction and substance use disorders;
- Supporting evidence-based prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction efforts;
- Spreading hope to individuals and families impacted by addiction and drug overdose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners encourages residents, businesses, healthcare organizations, schools, faith communities, and community partners to participate in activities that educate the public, support recovery, and remember those whose lives have been impacted by substance use and overdose.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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