CHATHAM COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Recognizing Overdose Awareness Day

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day, observed annually on **August 31st**, is the world's largest campaign to end overdose, remember those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind; and

WHEREAS, overdose affects people from all walks of life and continues to be a leading cause of death, both nationally and locally, contributing to devastating loss in our communities, workplaces, and families; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Chatham County has experienced the growing impact of opioid and other substance-related overdoses, making it essential to increase awareness, promote prevention, and support accessible treatment and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day serves not only to honor the lives lost but also to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorder, encourage community education, and promote compassion and evidence-based care for those struggling with addiction; and

WHEREAS, this day is also a time to recognize the strength and courage of those in recovery, the tireless efforts of first responders and healthcare professionals, and the importance of collaboration across public health, public safety, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, by raising awareness, reducing stigma, and fostering open dialogue, Chatham County can play a role in saving lives and supporting individuals and families impacted by overdose and addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** hereby recognizes **August 31, 2025**, as **Overdose Awareness Day** in Chatham County, North Carolina, and encourages residents to join in remembering those we have lost, supporting those who grieve, and committing to action that prevents future loss of life.

Adopted, this the 21st day of July 2025.

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Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board