

RESOLUTION 2021 - _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DECLARING AUGUST 31, 2021 AS “OVERDOSE AWARENESS
DAY” IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is committed to the prevention, treatment, and recovery of adults and youth with substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, North America continues to experience the highest drug-related mortality rate in the world, accounting for one in four drug-related deaths globally; and

WHEREAS, opioids account for the majority of drug-related deaths and in most cases, such deaths are avoidable; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nassau County can play a part in reducing the overdoses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that people affected by overdose are our family; sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters; and all are deserving of compassion and support; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is committed to ensuring all individuals can receive quality mental health and substance use treatment they need to live a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, first responders, behavioral health providers, doctors, nurses and other professionals across the county work together to protect our community and are essential in the fight against the overdose epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Statewide and locally; ISAVEFL.com is a resource for residents to search for providers in our community who offer free Naloxone, a medication that can temporarily restore the breathing of someone experiencing an opioid overdose, saving a life, while waiting for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Overdose Awareness Day provides opportunity to raise awareness of the issues surrounding substance abuse to prevent more drug overdose related deaths here in Nassau County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board remains committed to spreading awareness about the overdose pandemic and achieving change within our community.
2. The Board hereby proclaims August 31, 2021 as Overdose Awareness Day in Nassau County.
3. The Board urges residents to learn the signs of drug overdose so individuals in need can get the help they need quickly and increase their chances of survival.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

MICHAEL S. MULLIN

