

**██████████ County**  
**Proclamation – MAC Template**  
**Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month**

**WHEREAS**, Overdose Awareness Day is recognized internationally on Aug. 31 annually to raise awareness of drug overdose, stigma associated with overdose deaths and acknowledge grief experienced by families and friends remembering those lost and injured as a result of drug overdose; and,

**WHEREAS**, Recovery Month is recognized nationally throughout the month of September to promote new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the strength and resilience of the recovery community and highlight the providers and communities that support recovery from substance use disorders; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan lost more than 3,000 individuals to overdose in 2021 with ██████ lives lost in ██████ County; and,

**WHEREAS**, there were approximately 31,000 non-fatal emergency department visits in Michigan due to overdose in 2021 with ██████ visits in ██████ County; and,

**WHEREAS**, substance use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions have wide-ranging adverse effects on individuals, families and communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is a critical part of overall health and wellness; and,

**WHEREAS**, we encourage family and friends of people who use drugs to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of drug overdose and support accessing support services, as recovery is possible; now,

**THEREFORE**, ██████ County hereby proclaims Aug. 31, 2023, as **International Overdose Awareness Day** and September 2023 as **National Recovery Month** and call upon our community to observe these occasions.