



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that is held on August 31st of each year to remember those gone too soon from overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, like many states, Alabama is fighting concurrent epidemics – while prescription opioids are driving deaths in rural areas, illicit opioid drugs are the primary drivers of deaths in suburban and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Alabama encourages communities to develop and support local coalitions because this epidemic looks different in various parts of the state, and local engagement and leadership is imperative; and

WHEREAS, culture change happens in neighborhoods and local communities, and localities play a major role in assisting with the removal of the stigma of addiction and the normalization of recovery; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated treatment providers work tirelessly to help individuals with substance use disorders recover; and

WHEREAS, addiction is not a moral failing but a complex and treatable disease, and a life of recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity for all Alabamians to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2020, as

International Overdose Awareness Day

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 11th day of June 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor