

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, communities throughout the Commonwealth and the Nation continue to fight the battles of drug use, addiction, alcoholism and overdose every day; and

**WHEREAS**, overdose is the leading cause of accidental death and everyone can help prevent overdose deaths by being aware of the signs of overdose, knowing how to respond in the event of an overdose, having Naloxone available and disposing of unwanted prescription medication at drop box locations throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, we must encourage friends and relatives of people with substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery services; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 23 million adults are living in long term recovery and at least one in four families in Pennsylvania is impacted by the chronic disease of addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Centre will continue to educate the community about substance use disorders, the effectiveness of treatment and recovery services and that recovery is possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **August 31, 2020** as “**Overdose Awareness Day**” and the month of **September 2020** as “**National Recovery Month**” in Centre County.

**ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.



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