

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, Waterford Township affirms and acknowledges the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose and intent of International Overdose Awareness Day as we remember loved ones lost to overdose, and put forth the efforts to bring an end to the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, along with the Waterford Community Coalition, we as representatives of the Waterford Community resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose has claimed more than one million lives in the United States since 1999 and has affected many of us forever; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the people affected by overdose could be our children, siblings, parents, or grandchildren along with other family members and dear friends, and they are all deserving of our love, compassion, and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees elected to represent the Waterford community proclaims August 31, 2023, as "International Overdose Awareness Day" in Waterford Township.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on August 28, 2023.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kim Markee, Township Clerk