



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, today we join families, advocates, friends, non-profits, mentors, lawmakers, hospitals and healthcare providers in recognizing an annual global event held each year - to raise awareness of overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief felt by so many both within Connecticut and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, data shows Connecticut residents are more likely to die from unintentional drug overdose than a motor vehicle accident – with the majority of these deaths are linked to overdose of prescription opioid painkillers, and illicit opioids; and

WHEREAS, the stigma of addiction can be a significant barrier to preventing someone who is in dire need from seeking assistance, and has proved to be an epidemic uprooting the lives of people across all socioeconomic backgrounds, races, ages, and more; and

WHEREAS, it is together we can put an end to the stigma - addiction is a disease, and like any disease, treatment can provide help; and

WHEREAS, with patience and support, there are resources and treatment options available throughout Connecticut - no matter in what stage individuals find themselves, recovery is possible; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut - in memory of the countless lives lost, and in hope of the many lives we can help save in the future by working together, do hereby officially proclaim August 31, 2022 as

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR