

Proclamation
**Acknowledging August 31, 2017 as International
Overdose Awareness Day**

Whereas, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized around the world as a day to acknowledge individuals whose lives have been lost, and to raise awareness about the risks of overdose; and

Whereas, International Overdose Awareness Day hopes to publicly challenge the stigma associated with substance abuse and overdose; and

Whereas, in Adams County over the past five years there have been a total of 277 opioid related deaths and 75 heroin related overdose deaths; Fatalities due to overdose are now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with over 59,000 in 2016; and

Whereas, International Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges that overdose deaths devastate families, friends and communities. This day recognizes overdoses from all drugs allowing us to speak and educate more broadly about the issues while making a commitment to preventing future deaths. Accidental overdose is largely preventable; and

Whereas, International Overdose Awareness Day sends a strong message to individuals who formerly used, or currently use substances, that they are valued.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, does hereby proclaim August 31, 2017 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed August 29, 2017.