## Cooper City

## Office of the City Commission

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** this great nation has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment; and

**WHEREAS,** local leaders in government, schools, businesses, and the community can support those affected by overdose, advocate for necessary policy reforms, and provide essential resources and education to prevent future tragedies; and

**WHEREAS,** International Overdose Awareness Day established by the Penington Institute aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce stigma of a drug-related death, and also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

**WHEREAS,** Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, James Curran, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 31st as

## **International Overdose Awareness Day**

in Cooper City and encourage everyone to join this effort to achieve a drug-free America.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 26th day of August 2025.

JAMES CURRAN

Mayor, City of Cooper City