



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2024

WHEREAS: Middletown Township, New Jersey acknowledges the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS: We recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to addiction and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS: We resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community which has claimed the lives of 27 Monmouth County residents as of March 31, 2024, along with countless others who have been affected; and

WHEREAS: We affirm that the people affected by overdose are our loved ones – children, parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors – who are deserving of both our compassion and support. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2024 as **Overdose Awareness Day** in Middletown Township. Middletown is partnering with the Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County to support this cause by displaying purple flags on the lawn near the Township's Police Memorial on Highway 35 and Kings Highway for the 27 Monmouth County residents lost due to overdose, as well as two white flags to represent all individuals who lost their lives to an overdose throughout 2024. We encourage our community to reach out to the Middletown Alliance for the prevention of substance use and for helpful resources should a loved one need help with battling addiction.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this nineteenth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-four*

Mayor Tony Perry