



# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor*



## Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2022

- WHEREAS:** Middletown, 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 47 Monmouth County residents as of April 30, 2022, 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 our compassion and support. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2022 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 at the Tindall Triangle for the 47 Monmouth County residents lost due to overdose. We encourage our community to reach out to the Middletown Municipal Alliance for the prevention of substance use and Crossroads at the Lincroft Annex should they or a loved one need help with battling addiction.

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

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**Mayor Tony Perry**