

## STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

By The Honorable **Laura R. Hoydick**, Mayor: a

# PROCLAMATION

## IN RECOGNITION OF OVERDOSE AWARENESS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stratford does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stratford recognizes the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stratford resolves to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 16 Stratford residents in 2019, and seven to date in 2020, together with countless more affected forever; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stratford affirms that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, the Honorable Laura R. Hoydick, Mayor of Stratford, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Town, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2020, as

## OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the Town of Stratford, Connecticut; and hereby encourage all residents to join me in recognition of this day so that we may raise awareness that overdose death is preventable and to reduce the stigma associated with drug-related death.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Stratford, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.



*Laura R. Hoydick*  
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Mayor