

WHEREAS, addiction is an American Medical Association defined disease and the stigma associated with addiction must be addressed so that no one feels shame or disgrace over a legal or illegal drug poisoning (overdose) and;

WHEREAS, drug poisoning (overdose) is the number one cause of injury deaths in the nation with an accidental drug overdose death occurring every 11 minutes, surpassing deaths from motor vehicle accidents or gun homicides; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 47,055 people died in the United States as a result of a drug poisoning (overdose) or 129 per day during 2014, the most current reporting year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Medical Examiners Commission, there were 1,752 accidental deaths in the State of Florida during 2014 caused by a prescription drug poisoning (overdose); and

WHEREAS, according to Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, there were 11,905 hospital patients admitted for prescription opioid drug poisoning (overdose) during 2014 in Florida, including 826 patients in Broward County, 704 in Palm Beach County, and 482 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, by acknowledging all those who have been affected by prescription drug poisoning (overdose), we help the general public understand the effects on the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate our community about prescription drug poisoning (overdose) prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2016 as:

NATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in Delray Beach, Florida and urge all residents to learn about this topic and those that are affected by it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of August, 2016.

CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR