

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; and

WHEREAS, drug poisoning 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, 52,404 people died in the United States as a result of a drug poisoning or 144 per day during 2015, the most current reporting year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Medical Examiners Commission, there were 2,191 accidental deaths in the State of Florida during 2015 caused by a prescription drug poisoning; and

WHEREAS, according to Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, there were 4,926 hospital patients admitted for prescription opioid or heroin drug poisoning during just the first six months of 2016 in all of Florida, including 421 patients in Broward County, 562 in Palm Beach County, and 284 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, by acknowledging all those who have been affected by prescription drug poisoning, we help the general public understand its effects on the community of Boca Raton, Florida; 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 prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Cary D. Glickstein, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida do hereby proclaim August 31, 2017 as:

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in, Delray Beach, Florida and urge all residents to learn about this disease and to aid and support 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 15th day of August, 2017.

CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR