



Legislation Text

File #: 2022-0864, **Version:** 1

To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services

Staff Name and Phone Number: Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, 707-565-5157

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a gold resolution proclaiming August 31, 2022 as Overdose Awareness Day in Sonoma County.

Executive Summary:

Overdose Awareness Day has been recognized internationally on August 31st for over 20 years. By adopting this resolution, Sonoma County joins the world's annual campaign to end overdose, remember those who have died, and support those who have lost loved ones to overdose. We are committed to supporting those who continue to struggle with addiction and mental health disorders without stigma as an important goal of Overdose Awareness Day.

Discussion:

The community recognizes that those affected by overdose are not just those suffering from addiction. Many people have friends or family that have been taken from them by overdose and this day of remembrance allows us to advocate for those without a voice.

The Department of Health Services (DHS, or the Department) of the County of Sonoma has engaged with numerous community partners to educate and inform the public on the risks of substance use and the potential to overdose on illicit drugs that are becoming increasingly more available. Continued support from the community and the County of Sonoma is necessary to promote healthy living and reduce the stigma associated with overdoses and substance use to incentivize those affected to seek treatment and preventative measures.

Throughout the United States since 1999, more than 932,000 people have died from a drug overdose.

Sonoma County has the second highest rate of overdoses in the Bay Area. There were 111 opioid related overdose deaths that occurred within Sonoma County in 2020. Additionally, there were 303 Emergency Department visits related to opioid overdoses and 58 hospitalizations. Last year 67 percent of drug overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

This day of remembrance is an opportunity to expand awareness and support the populations of Sonoma County who are disproportionately affected by substance misuse and overdose perennially.

Prior Board Actions:

N/A

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY 23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None