



*Office of the Mayor
Hot Springs, South Dakota
Proclamation*

“International Overdose Awareness Day”

WHEREAS: International Overdose Awareness Day is committed to providing a platform to acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends who have lost loved ones to overdose or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS: International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable; and

WHEREAS: Drug overdose knows no limits. It does not recognize victims’ race, religion, social economic status, or family ties. Anyone can battle drug addiction and face a possible overdose, but recognizing overdose warning signs enables and empowers families and friends to prevent overdose-related death by call for help; and

WHEREAS: The State of South Dakota is proactively running a campaign against drugs. The “Meth. We’re on it” campaign also includes a hotline for those seeking resources to call or text; and

WHEREAS: Members of the community and organizations associated with drug abuse prevention and aid will work to remove the stigma associated with overdose-related deaths and reinforce the belief that no one should feel shame or disgrace due to an overdose-related death of a love one.

Now, therefore, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of Hot Springs, South Dakota do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2020, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Hot Springs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest: Misty Summers-Walton Finance Officer