

# IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

**AUGUST 31, 2025**

- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD AFFIRMS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE PROFOUND HARM AND HARDSHIP INFLICTED BY DRUG OVERDOSE. IN PARTICULAR, THE RISING TOLL OF OPIOID RELATED DEATHS SUCH AS THOSE INVOLVING FENTANYL EMPHASIZES THE URGENT NEED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, HARM REDUCTION, TREATMENT ACCESS, AND MENTAL-HEALTH SUPPORT; AND
- WHEREAS,** INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY, OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO UNITE THROUGH VIGILS, MEMORIAL WALLS, RESOURCE FAIRS, PUBLIC EDUCATION, POLICY ADVOCACY TO HONOR THOSE LOST, SUPPORT THOSE IN RECOVERY, AND WORK TOWARD ENDING THE EPIDEMIC WITHOUT STIGMA OR SHAME; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IS *ONE BIG FAMILY: DRIVEN BY HOPE*. REMINDS US THAT THOSE AFFECTED BY OVERDOSE - SONS AND DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, BELONG TO AN EXTENDED FAMILY FILLED WITH RESILIENCE AND HOPE, AND THAT NO ONE BEARS THEIR GRIEF ALONE; AND
- WHEREAS,** OVERDOSE IS PREVENTABLE, AND ONLY THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—UNITING COMPASSIONATE CARE, EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION, AND INFORMED LEGISLATIVE ACTION—CAN WE MAKE MEANINGFUL STRIDES IN REDUCING OVERDOSE FATALITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HAS LONG DEMONSTRATED A STRONG COMMITMENT TO ADDICTION PREVENTION BY DEDICATING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT RECOVERY AND PREVENTION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE HOLLYWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM, WHICH PAIRS PARAMEDICS WITH SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE, ON-SITE CARE AND ADDRESS SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY FURTHER ADVANCES THESE EFFORTS THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY COURT PROGRAM, WHICH CONNECTS UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS ADDICTION PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT, AND THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE CARING PLACE (BROWARD OUTREACH CENTERS) AND THE TASKFORCE FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS, BOTH OF WHICH OFFER CRITICAL OUTREACH AND RECOVERY RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIMS AUGUST 31, 2025, AS:

## **INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY** IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
AUGUST 2025 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
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