

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize important occasions in our community; and

WHEREAS: Overdose Awareness Day is an international event held on August 31 each year to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma associated with substance abuse and overdosing; and

WHEREAS: it is estimated that over 92,000 lives were lost in 2020 in the United States due to overdose. Up nearly 30% from the 71,000 lives lost in 2019; and

WHEREAS: The demand for illegal drugs is a universal problem that plagues urban, suburban and rural communities of all sizes and regions and affects all segments of our society; and

WHEREAS: every life is valuable and every overdose death is tragic, but preventable. It is essential to recognize overdose as a social issue, which effects victims, families, friends and entire communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City, Ohio, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021 as

"OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Grove City and encourage those affected to seek treatment and celebrate those in recovery.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Handwritten signature of Richard L. "Ike" Stage in black ink.

Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor