



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, 1,094 Missourians were lost to opioid overdoses in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the State of Missouri are encouraged to develop and support local coalitions as the epidemic looks different across our diverse state; and

**WHEREAS**, local engagement and leadership is imperative as it plays a major role in assisting with the removal of the stigma of addiction and the normalization of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's treatment providers are committed to help individuals with substance use disorders recover from this complex and treatable disease.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2020 to be

**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE