



**PROCLAMATION
OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31, 2020**

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose, reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths and remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury due to drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, an overdose occurs when a drug (or combination of drugs), including prescription medications prescribed by a doctor overwhelms the body; and

WHEREAS, prescription and illegal drug overdoses are now the number one cause of accidental death in the Nation, surpassing car accidents; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 50,000 people die annually as a result of a drug overdose and another 2.5 million are treated in emergency departments for the misuse or abuse of drugs every year in the United States; and

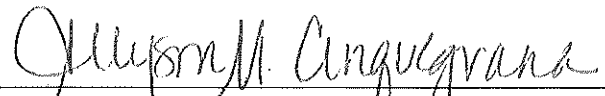
WHEREAS, according to the Office of the State Medical Examiner, in 2019, we lost 3,021 New Jerseyans to suspected overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, by acknowledging residents who have been affected by overdose, we help the general public understand effects on New Jersey's communities; and

WHEREAS, practitioners, persons at high risk, family members and other can save lives by learning about signs of overdose and how to administer naloxone and the calling 9-1-1.

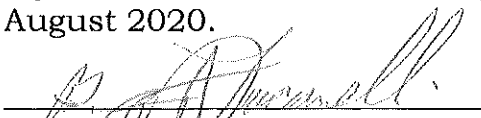
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli and the Borough Council of the Borough of Fair Haven do hereby proclaim August 31st as **OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY** in the Borough of Fair Haven to raise awareness through social media using this year's hashtags #OverdoseAware or #EndOverdose.

ATTEST:



ALLYSON M. CINQUEGRANA, RMC/CMR
BOROUGH CLERK

I, Benjamin J. Lucarelli, hereby set
my hand and seal this 17th day of
August 2020.



BENJAMIN J. LUCARELLI
MAYOR