



Township of Millstone  
Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

*WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by overdose; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone recognizes the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug related deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Millstone has declared the Township of Millstone a Stigma-Free Community; and*

*WHEREAS, local resources are available so no one needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless; and*

*WHEREAS, the Millstone Township Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse exists to meet the needs for a comprehensive, coordinated substance abuse program; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Millstone resolves to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which claimed the lives of 37 Monmouth County residents from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023 alone together with countless more affected forever; and*

*WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support.*

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Al Ferro, Mayor of the Township of Millstone, along with the Township Committee, do hereby **PROCLAIM** August 31, 2023, as **INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY** in the Township of Millstone, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Dated this 16th day of August 2023.

Mayor Al Ferro

Attest: Kathleen Hart, RMG