



City of Conway, Arkansas  
Proclamation by:  
Mayor Bart Castleberry  
International Overdose Awareness Day  
August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Whereas**, International 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**, According to the CDC (STATCAST-Week of September 9, 2019) over 770,000 Americans have died from drug overdoses since; and

**Whereas**, International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable; and

**Whereas**, Arkansas is the second leading state in prescribing opioid medicines with 66 of the state's 75 counties prescribing rates higher than the national average.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bart Castleberry**, Mayor of the City of Conway, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as:

**“INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY”**

*I further encourage all citizens to support their local communities efforts to prevent the tragic effects of overdose and encourage and support the families who have been affected.*

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020

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Mayor Bart Castleberry