



## **PROCLAMATION 20-03**

### **A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY.**

**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**, In January 2017, the Centre for Disease Control has estimated that the number of people in the United States who had died from overdose in the 12-month period prior to January 2017 was 64,070; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that The Town of Elsmere does hereby proclaim August 31, 2020 as International Overdose Awareness Day and encourages all residents to raise their awareness of the devastating impact that overdoses have on our citizens.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**

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Eric Scott Thompson, Mayor

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Brian E. Hurst, Secretary