

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

40 million Americans struggle with substance use disorder, and many do not get the treatment they need; only 1 in 10 who need addiction treatment ever receive it; and



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WHEREAS,

overdoses are the #1 cause of accidental death in the United States, and kill more Americans than breast cancer, guns, and car crashes combined, and substance use disorder is the only medical illness that is criminalized, but punishment does not reduce drug use or overdoses; and



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WHEREAS,

people suffering from addiction receive punishment more often than treatment, and more than half of those in state prisons and two-thirds of people awaiting sentencing in jail exhibit problematic substance use, or meet the criteria for substance use disorder; and



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WHEREAS,

according to the CDC, there were more than 107,000 fatal overdoses in 2021, which is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a single year; and



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WHEREAS,

overdoses are rising more quickly among communities of color, with the annual growth rate for Black and Latinx individuals surpassing the rate of white individuals; overdoses among Native Americans are above the national average, and this rate continues to grow; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Shatterproof for its tireless work to address the needs of our citizens who are suffering and recovering from addiction, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 5, 2022 as “**SHATTERPROOF APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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