

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158

Rep. Lightner offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare August 31, 2025, as Overdose Awareness
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Drug overdose is the leading cause of injury-related
4 deaths in the United States; and

5 Whereas, The last couple of decades, drug overdose deaths have
6 significantly increased in the state of Michigan, the majority of
7 which are a result of prescription opioids, illicit fentanyl
8 (synthetic opioid), and heroin; and

9 Whereas, In 2023, the state of Michigan recorded that 2,826
10 people died from an overdose; and

11 Whereas, The families and friends of overdose victims suffer
12 unspeakable grief and heartache from the loss of their loved ones;
13 and

14 Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

1 has stated that substance use and substance use disorders are
2 considered prominent public health issues; and

3 Whereas, Substance use disorder is a chronic disease that over
4 48.5 million Americans 12 and older have had in the last year; and

5 Whereas, The ongoing stigmatization of substance abuse
6 disorder results in many Americans not seeking the mental health
7 treatment and medical care they need to recover from their
8 addiction, resulting in increased overdose deaths; and

9 Whereas, Substance use disorder also has tremendous social and
10 economic consequences in America, including increased costs to our
11 health care and criminal justice systems, losses in job
12 productivity, threats to public safety, and the erosion of
13 families; and

14 Whereas, There are countless organizations and facilities that
15 put their efforts towards fighting against this epidemic, and we
16 are grateful for the ways that they support those in their
17 community to fight this disorder; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare August 31, 2025, as Overdose
20 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.