



Proclamation

International Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2026

WHEREAS the Town of Amherst does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose and drug related stigma; and,

WHEREAS we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and working with the community to reduce the risk of drug-related deaths; and,

WHEREAS we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of more than 150 Nova Scotians in 2025; 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 compassion and support.

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that I, Robert Small, Mayor of Amherst, proclaim August 31, 2026 as *International Overdose Awareness Day* in the town of Amherst.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Small".

Robert Small
Mayor
Town of Amherst

