

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1503

Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts
to combat the opioid crisis in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 31, 2026

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. PETTERSEN) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy
and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and
strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the
United States.

Whereas provisional data from the CDC's National Center
for Health Statistics indicate there were an estimated
69,973 drug overdose deaths in the United States during
2025;

Whereas substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all
socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geo-
graphical regions, and ages;

Whereas Black and American Indian or Alaskan Native pop-
ulations are more likely to die from a drug overdose than
their White counterparts;

Whereas substance use disorder is a chronic disease, and recognizing it as such decreases stigma and acknowledges that substance use is a health issue;

Whereas overdose deaths are preventable, and countless lives can be saved through increased awareness, effective prevention strategies, timely intervention, comprehensive treatment, and robust recovery support; and

Whereas Congress and the executive branch must continue to work together to pass and implement policy solutions that accelerate and strengthen the United States ability to treat and prevent substance use disorders: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day in the
3 United States;

4 (2) commits to advancing and passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding
5 substance use disorders and overdoses; and

6 (3) is dedicated to collaborating with States, lo-
7 calities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations,
8 health care providers, patients, and families to sup-
9 port a comprehensive system that promotes preven-
10 tion, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from
11 opioid use disorder.
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