



Proclamation

DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS JACKSON COUNTY OPIOID AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic, overdose deaths, and substance misuse pose a threat to the life, health, and well-being of Jackson County residents; and

WHEREAS, more than 90,000 Americans died from overdose during the 12-month period ending in September 2020, a record number, while the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five (65) community naloxone reversals were performed in Jackson County in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, nineteen (19) Jackson County residents lost their lives to opioid overdoses and forty-two (42) residents were rushed to the emergency room due to opioid overdoses in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has contributed to a rise in serious and costly health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has contributed to a significant rise in the number and rate of hospitalizations associated with drug withdrawal in newborns and a rise in the number of children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic, overdose deaths, and substance misuse cause pain, suffering, and loss to individuals, families, and communities that can never be measured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County that September is Jackson County Opioid Awareness Month.

ADOPTED the 17th day of August, 2021.

Attest:

By:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman