



TOWN OF BLUFFTON
BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

National Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Proclamation

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription medications is a growing health concern; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic threatens the well-being of every American, South Carolinian, and Blufftonian at every age, every socio-economic level, and in every neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, over 100 Americans die each day from opioid overdoses, and in 2017, 748 South Carolinians died from opioid related causes, an increase of more than 20% since 2016; and

WHEREAS, in the past decade and a half, the number of infants born with opioid dependence has quadrupled, and opioid poisonings, intentional and accidental combined have nearly doubled among children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, children of addicted parents or whose parents have died by overdose need physical, social, and emotional resources and support; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton Town Council joins and supports the efforts of the Lowcountry Alliance for Healthy Youth Coalition in raising awareness around prescription drug abuse and the opioid crisis issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, along with Bluffton Town Council do hereby proclaim year round awareness of prescription drug abuse and opioid drug abuse and in recognizing that the proper disposal of prescription drugs saves lives and protects the environment, and the Town of Bluffton supports National Take Back Days and encourages the used of local year-round disposal sites, reducing access of unused or expired prescription medications leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed this 13th day of November, 2018.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor

