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Beaufort County Hosting Rally in Support of International Overdose Awareness Day

The <u>Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department</u> has partnered with the <u>Beaufort County Sheriff's Office</u> to help promote awareness of opioid addiction and overdose issues facing our community. The two agencies will host a rally in support of <u>International Overdose Awareness Day</u>, a global event held on August 31st each year to help raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death.

Residents are invited to attend the rally, which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the <u>Buckwalter Recreation</u> <u>Center in Bluffton at 905 Buckwalter Parkway</u>.

The event will close with a candlelight vigil to remember victims of the opioid epidemic. Rally participants are encouraged to bring a photo of any loved one lost to an opioid overdose.

There will also be a TAKE BACK THE MEDS drop-off site at this event where individuals can safely discard any unused or expired medications.

For more information, contact the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department at 843-255-6013.

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