

2015 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Drug overdose was the leading cause of injury death in 2012 among those 25 to 64 years old and caused more deaths than motor vehicle traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, drug overdoses in the United States caused 42,982 unintentional deaths and 22,767 of those were from prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, an estimated 22.5 million Americans aged 12 or older used an illicit drug or abused a prescription drug; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 1.4 million emergency department (ED) visits were related to misuse or abuse of pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, As many as 70% of people who abuse prescription drugs get them from a relative or friend instead of a doctor; and

WHEREAS, During the nine National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, a total of 4.8 million pounds (2,411 tons) of medication have been removed by the DEA and its state, local, tribal law-enforcement and community partners from circulation and potential diversion; and

WHEREAS, The National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse, RxSafe Contra Costa, and the City of Oakley in cooperation with the law enforcement, community based organizations, alcohol and other drugs service providers and civic and business leaders coordinate Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month activities to engage our citizens in demonstrating their commitment to prevention campaigns and education aimed at raising awareness about the abuse/misuse of prescription drugs, promoting prescription drug safe storing and disposal and using medications only as prescribed; and

WHEREAS, Families, schools businesses, faith-based communities, law enforcement, medical professionals, county and local governments, health care practitioners and pharmacists of the City of Oakley and the general public will demonstrate their commitment to the prevention of prescription medication abuse by participating in activities intended to highlight local efforts during the month of March.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Doug Hardcastle, Mayor of the City of Oakley on behalf of the Oakley City Council and residents hereby recognize March 2015 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month as enacted by state law in April 2013, and encourage all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and activities and safely store and dispose of their medications on a continual basis. Be it also resolved that the City of Oakley encourages all community members to pledge, **"Spread the Word...One Pill Can Kill"**.

March 10, 2015

Doug Hardcastle, Mayor