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Designating June 6, 2024, as National Naloxone Awareness Day.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

Designating June 6, 2024, as National Naloxone Awareness Day.

Whereas the opioid epidemic continues to devastate communities across the United States, leading to a significant loss of life and widespread societal impact;

Whereas opioid overdoses during the 12 months preceding December of 2023 claimed a reported 81,083 lives in the United States;

Whereas fatal overdoses are often witnessed by a bystander;

Whereas, in 2023 alone, the Drug Enforcement Administration seized more than 381,000,000 doses of potentially deadly fentanyl, enough to kill every individual in the United States;

Whereas, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl-related poisonings are currently a leading cause of death for individuals in the United States between 18 and 45 years of age;

Whereas naloxone is a safe and effective medication that can reverse opioid overdoses and save lives when administered promptly by rapidly reversing the effects of opioids;

Whereas naloxone plays a vital role in preventing long-term brain damage and reducing the risk of fatality associated with opioid overdoses;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared naloxone to be a key tool in preventing opioid overdose deaths;

Whereas it is imperative to educate individuals, families, healthcare professionals, and first responders about—

(1) the benefits of naloxone, including the potential naloxone has to reduce opioid-related fatalities; and

(2) how to safely administer naloxone;

Whereas it is imperative to identify current or potential barriers, including cost, for individuals, organizations, and Federal, State, and local governments to obtain and distribute naloxone;

Whereas increasing access to naloxone can ensure that individuals struggling with opioid use disorder have a chance at recovery and a future free from the grip of opioid use disorder;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration acted to authorize the over-the-counter sale of 4 milligram and 3 milligram doses of naloxone in 2023; and

Whereas recognizing National Naloxone Awareness Day will contribute to the ongoing efforts to educate the public,

reduce stigma associated with substance use disorder, and promote access to lifesaving naloxone: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) designates June 6, 2024, as National  
3       Naloxone Awareness Day;

4           (2) recognizes the life-saving benefits of  
5       naloxone in reversing opioid overdoses and pre-  
6       venting unnecessary deaths;

7           (3) acknowledges that increased access to  
8       naloxone empowers individuals, families, healthcare  
9       professionals, and first responders to intervene in  
10      emergency situations and provide immediate assist-  
11      ance to those experiencing an opioid overdose;

12          (4) recognizes that National Naloxone Aware-  
13      ness Day serves as an opportunity to educate the  
14      public about the importance of recognizing the signs  
15      of opioid overdose and equipping themselves with  
16      naloxone to save lives;

17          (5) encourages Federal, State, and local govern-  
18      ments, as well as private and nonprofit organiza-  
19      tions, to collaborate and allocate resources towards  
20      increasing naloxone access, education, and distribu-  
21      tion efforts; and

22          (6) calls upon Federal agencies, including the  
23      Substances Abuse and Mental Health Services Ad-

1       ministration, the Centers for Disease Control and  
2       Prevention, the Office of National Drug Control Pol-  
3       icy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and all  
4       others engaged in the National Drug Control Strat-  
5       egy to continue supporting public awareness of  
6       naloxone, harm reduction, and overdose and poi-  
7       soning prevention.