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## PRESS RELEASE

**From:** Town of Marshfield

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**RE:** Overdose Awareness Vigil

Marshfield FACTS and the Town of Marshfield will be holding the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Overdose Awareness Vigil in conjunction with International Overdose Awareness Day on Saturday August 31, 2019. The event will take place at Harbor Park, located on Joseph Driebeck Way, beginning with a sunrise vigil at 6:00 a.m. The Board of Selectmen have also made arrangements to have the Town Hall illuminated in purple lights on August 31<sup>st</sup> from sunset to midnight and purple flags will be placed on the Town Green from August 24<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup> in remembrance of residents of Marshfield and the Commonwealth who have lost their lives to a drug overdose.

The goal of this event is to raise awareness about this epidemic, reduce the stigma attached to drug addiction, and to give people who have been affected an opportunity for reflection and access community support and available resources. We encourage all residents to come out for this event to show your support and to find out how you can become more involved in the fight against this epidemic. For more information, please contact the Marshfield FACTS at [marshfieldfacts@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldfacts@gmail.com).