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Belize Observes World Drug Day

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Today, the Ministry of Health & Wellness is observing International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, under the theme, “Share Facts on Drugs. Save Lives.”

Commemorated annually on June 26, the day is set aside to strengthen actions and cooperation in achieving the goal of a world free of drug abuse. This year’s theme stresses the importance of awareness of the facts on drugs, their dangers, and evidence-based prevention, treatment, and care.

On this occasion, Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Health & Wellness, calls on all Belizeans to join the ministry to provide community support to those addicted to substances. Take action against substance and alcohol abuse by being a good role model to empower young people to deal with life challenges thereby reducing substance abuse; partner with the government by volunteering and supporting drug prevention and rehabilitation programs to increase access to information for affected individuals and communities.

The Ministry of Health & Wellness through the National Drug Abuse Control Council (NDACC-Belize) provides for the establishment of programs for the prevention and treatment of drug dependency in our country. Through offices countrywide, several activities were carried out, including satellite booths and informational fairs that provided facts and support for the public, during the past week.

The ministry reminds Belizeans that tackling the global drug problem is a collective responsibility. It is possible to create a society free from the abuse of drugs while advancing the nation’s good health and moral wellbeing.

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