

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, no community in Washington State is immune to accidental or intentional overdose, and drug overdose deaths remain high across the state, impacting urban, suburban, and rural communities and disproportionately affect marginalized populations; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths are preventable and can be caused by alcohol, over-the-counter medicine, stimulants and opioids; and

WHEREAS, like many places across Washington State we need to continue to treat drug-related harm as a public health issue and invest in best practices that save lives and build communities; and

WHEREAS, observed on August 31 every year, International Overdose Awareness Day seeks to create a better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity for all Olympians to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery; and

WHEREAS, anyone can visit the statewide resource www.stopoverdose.org to obtain naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, and Recovery Help Line at 1-866-789-1511 for 24-hour information and help; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim August 31, 2025 as

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Olympia and call upon the community to join in raising awareness of drug overdose morbidity and mortality by reducing stigma through education, prevention, treatment and recovery support for substance use disorder.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Dontae Payne
Mayor***