

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, overdose deaths disproportionately affect American Indian/Alaskan Native communities and 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, 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 whose life has been impacted by substance use disorder to call the Washington Recovery Helpline at 1-866-789-1511, which offers anonymous, confidential 24-hour help for Washington State residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim August 31, 2022 as

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 9th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***