



City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Overdose Awareness Day

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim August 31, 2022, Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Olympia.

Report

Issue:

Whether to Proclaim August 31, 2022, Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Olympia.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

Each year hundreds of Washington State residents die from drug overdose deaths. An estimate 1,724 Washingtonians were lost to overdose in 2020, a 37% increase over the prior year.

Overdose deaths remain high across the state, impact urban, suburban, and rural communities and disproportionately affect marginalized populations.

Overdose Awareness Day shines a light on the need to treat drug-related harm as a public health issue and invest in evidence-based practices that save lives and build communities. It is also a day for 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.

Attachments:

Proclamation

