



# *Proclamation*

*Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo*

## **INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY** **August 31, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind; and

**WHEREAS**, Mukilteo families have been affected by addiction and overdose, including five lives saved this year in 2023 by administering the overdose antidote Narcan (Naloxone), and we recognize our first responders, medical professionals, grassroots organizations, and others on the frontlines saving lives every day; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, drug overdose deaths were at 107,622 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends who have been impacted, and this day provides an opportunity for people to openly mourn for loved ones without feeling guilt or shame; and

**WHEREAS**, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former substance users that they are supported, deserving of dignity and respect, and worthy of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mukilteo remains committed to raising awareness and educating our community about addiction and overdose prevention.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, recognize the local impact of addiction and overdose deaths, and proclaim August 31, 2023, as *Overdose Awareness Day* in Mukilteo. I encourage all residents to help create a culture of compassion and have meaningful conversations to spread awareness and knowledge about addiction and overdose prevention.



Signed this 21st day of August, 2023

*Joe Marine*  
Joe Marine  
Mayor