



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY August 31, 2021

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease, and 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;

WHEREAS, Mukilteo families have been affected by addiction and overdose, including one life saved this year in 2021, and 6 lives saved in 2020, 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, as of May 2020, drug overdose deaths are heading toward a record number of 90,000, vs. 70,630 in 2019, and it continues to be the leading cause of accidental death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends who have been impacted by this disease, 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;

WHEREAS, the City of Mukilteo remains committed to raising awareness and creating opportunities for dialogue in order to combat stigma and educate our community about addiction and overdose prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, recognize the local impact of addiction and overdose deaths, and proclaim August 31, 2021, as *Overdose Awareness Day* in Mukilteo. I encourage all residents to help create a culture of compassion, have meaningful conversations to spread awareness and knowledge, and help to eliminate the stigma associated with those who struggle with the disease of addiction.



Signed this 1st day of August, 2021,


Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor