



# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

## Fentanyl Awareness Day May 10, 2022

**WHEREAS**, National Fentanyl Awareness Day aims to amplify nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand for fentanyl, which is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that continues to drive the overdose epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine; and

**WHEREAS**, Drug traffickers are increasingly mixing fentanyl with other drugs, and even putting it in marijuana, cocaine, etc. Many people who are overdosing and dying don't even know that they are taking fentanyl; and

**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, nearly 107,000 people died as the result of a drug overdose in the 12-month period ending November 2021. Mukilteo Police had one overdose reversal in 2021 and one in 2020. Sixty-six percent of overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl; and

**WHEREAS**, Only two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose; it's particularly dangerous for someone who does not have a tolerance to opioids; and

**WHEREAS**, Young people and families need to have a strong sense of awareness about this drug and the dangers of it, kids as young as middle school age have overdosed on fentanyl.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim May 10<sup>th</sup> as Fentanyl Awareness Day in Mukilteo and encourage residents to be aware and to share this information far and wide. No one is exempt from the dangers of fentanyl, and it is critical that we keep our community and loved ones safe.



Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2022

Joe Marine  
Mayor