

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, International Overdose Awareness Day shares the message that overdose deaths occur in all communities among people from every walk of life; and

*WHEREAS*, Tumwater stands beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery; and

*WHEREAS*, overdose deaths are preventable and can be caused by alcohol, over-the-counter medicine, stimulants, opioids, and other substances; 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*, anyone can visit the statewide resource [www.stopoverdose.org](http://www.stopoverdose.org) to obtain naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, and Recovery Help Line at 1-866-789-1511 for 24-hour information and help.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

*August 31, 2023*  
*Overdose Awareness Day*

and I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to join with me in raising awareness around drug overdose by reducing stigma through initiatives related to education, prevention, treatment and recovery support for substance use disorder.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



A blue ink signature of Debbie Sullivan, written in a cursive style.

*Debbie Sullivan*

*Mayor*