

Proclamation

WHEREAS, observed on August 31st every year, International Overdose Awareness Day seeks to create a better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths occur in all communities among people from every walk of life; 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 to obtain naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, and Recovery Help Line at 1-866-789-1511 for 24-hour information and help; 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

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

August 31, 2024

International 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 20th day of August in the year, two thousand twenty-four.



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Mayor