

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of more than 1,484 Montana residents between 2009-2020, with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, we ask the Missoula community to join us in recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day as we saw a 77% increase in fatal overdose in 2020 in our county; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, and deserving of our love, compassion and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gwen Jones, Acting Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 31st day of August 2022 as:

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 31st day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gwen Jones".

Gwen Jones
Acting Mayor