



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation on International Overdose Awareness Day 2025

Whereas, The City of Ellensburg 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 2,469 Washington State residents in the year 2024 with countless more affected forever; and

Whereas, We recognize that in 2024, Kittitas County lost 8 individuals to overdose; and

Whereas, We recognize that First Responders in Kittitas County have responded to an increased number of substance use-related calls in this past year; and

Whereas, We affirm that the people affected by overdose are our family, friends, and community members who are deserving of our love, compassion, and support; and

Whereas, Death from overdose is preventable

Whereas, There continue to be deaths from stimulant use; and

Whereas, Overdose continues to increase both medical and other economic costs greatly impacting our society; and

Whereas, Substance Use Disorder is a treatable disease and the stigma and shame often are a barrier to seeking help; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Ellensburg, does hereby proclaim August 31, 2025 as International Overdose Awareness Day and invites every everyone to join in the August 27th event at Hal Holmes Community Center from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Signed this 18th day of August, 2025.

Attest:
City Clerk

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A blue ink signature of Rich Elliott, written in a cursive style.

Rich Elliott, Mayor