

The City of Everett

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease and Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of substance use-related deaths;

WHEREAS, Everett families have been affected by addiction and overdose.

AND, 70,000 Americans died from an overdose death in 2017, and over 67,000 in 2018, making it the leading cause of death in the United States in those years;

AND, 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose;

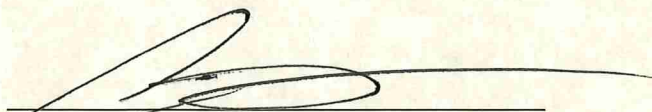
AND, Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends who have been impacted by this disease, and this day provides an opportunity for people to openly mourn for loved ones;

AND, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former substance users that they are supported, deserving of dignity and respect, and worthy of recovery; the City of Everett remains committed to raising awareness and dialogue in order to combat stigmas and educate our community about addiction and prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, recognize the local impact of addiction and opioid overdose deaths, and proclaim August 31, 2020, as Overdose Awareness Day. I encourage all residents to help create a culture of compassion and education to eliminate the stigma associated with those who struggle with the disease of addiction.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Signed this 17th day of August 2020,



Mayor Cassie Franklin