

**CITY OF LACEY**  
***Official Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, *no city in Washington State is immune to accidental or intentional overdose, and death from drug overdose is preventable; and*

**WHEREAS**, *people who experience an overdose are deserving of our care and kindness; and*

**WHEREAS**, *stigma creates barriers to disclosing drug misuse and abuse to family, friends, health care providers, service providers and others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *when someone you care for dies from a stigmatized behavior, such as overdose, grieving is often much harder for those left behind because of shame and guilt; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the City of Lacey acknowledges that there is a need to treat drug-related harm as a public health issue; and*


**WHEREAS**, *Washington State has implemented a State Opioid Response Plan and offers resources like the 24-hour Washington Recovery Helpline ; and*

**WHEREAS**, *International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity to stand beside those in our community who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery;*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021, as

***Overdose Awareness Day***

in the City of Lacey and encourages anyone whose life has been impacted by substance use disorder to call the Washington Recovery Helpline at **1-866-789-1511**.



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Mayor Andy Ryder  
August 19, 2021