

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day, observed annually on August 31, honors the lives lost to overdose and aims to reduce the stigma surrounding substance use; and

WHEREAS, drug overdoses have claimed the lives of more than 185 Missoula County residents since 2014, deeply affecting families, friends, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, those impacted by overdose are our loved ones, each one deserving of dignity, compassion, and support; and

WHEREAS, proven harm reduction strategies such as naloxone access, fentanyl test strips, and recovery services are essential to saving lives and preventing future loss; and

WHEREAS, Missoula stands united in grief, resilience, and commitment to preventing overdose through education, connection, and community-driven action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 31st day of August, 2025 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 25th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-five.



Andrea Davis
Mayor