

PROCLAMATION



“International Overdose Awareness Day” August 31, 2026

Whereas, Kittitas County 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 3,068 Washington State residents in the year 2025 with countless more affected forever; and

Whereas, We recognize that in 2025, Kittitas County lost 9 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

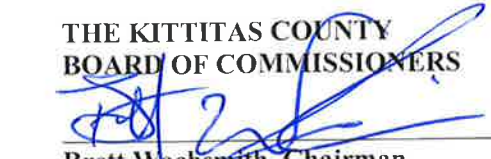
Whereas, Overdose continues to increase both medical and other economic costs greatly impacting our society; and

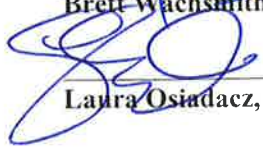
Whereas, Substance Use Disorder is a treatable disease and the stigma and shame often are a barrier to seeking help; and

THEREFORE, Kittitas County does hereby proclaim August 31st, 2026, as International Overdose Awareness Day which will be honored with an event on Monday, August 31st 2026 at Mountain View Park 1-3pm.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August 2026.

**THE KITITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Brett Wachsmith, Chairman


Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman


Vacant, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board