



PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY August 31, 2021

WHEREAS: the City of Nanaimo affirms and acknowledges the harms, hardship, and death caused by the lethal drug crisis; and

WHEREAS: we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day to remember and grieve loved ones lost to overdose, to acknowledge the untold harm and grief caused by this ongoing public health crisis, and to help end the stigma of substance-use disorder and death as a result of lethal drug poisoning; and

WHEREAS: we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of lethal drug overdoses in our community, which has so far claimed the lives of 274 people in our community (since 2011), with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS: we affirm that the people affected by the lethal drug crisis are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, deserving of our love, compassion and support.

NOW THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021 as:

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 9th day of August 2021

