

PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY August 31, 2022

WHEREAS: the City of Nanaimo affirms and acknowledges the harms, hardship, and death caused by the toxic drug porsoning 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 and death as a result of toxic drug poisoning; and

WHEREAS: we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of toxic drug poisonings in our community, which has so far claimed the lives of 326 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, 2022 as:

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Leonard Krog M A Y O R

Dated this 21st day of July 2022