

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that is held on August 31 of each year to remember those gone too soon from overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, Medford, Oregon encourages communities to develop and support local coalitions because this epidemic looks different in various parts of the state, and local engagement and leadership is imperative; and

WHEREAS culture change happens in neighborhoods and local communities, and localities play a major role in assisting with the removal of the stigma of addiction and the normalization of recovery; and

WHEREAS our dedicated treatment providers work tirelessly to help individuals with substance use disorders recover; and

WHEREAS addiction is not a moral failing but a complex and treatable disease, and a life of recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity for all Medford citizens to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery;

WHEREAS, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of the City of Medford, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021 as

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in our City and encourage the residents of Medford to join us in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
19th day of August, 2021.



Randy Sparacino
Mayor of Medford