

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year on August 31st, we observe *International Overdose Awareness Day* to honor survivors, their families, friends, and communities, and to raise awareness that overdose deaths can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, *International Overdose Awareness Day* not only serves as a day of remembrance but also as an opportunity to educate our communities, reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and drug-related deaths, and encourage individuals struggling with addiction to seek assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Nevada reported 1,473 overdose fatalities, contributing to the national toll of approximately 107,543 overdose deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are available resources and support systems for those who are ready to embrace a healthier physical and emotional lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, in Nevada, Naloxone has continued to become increasingly accessible without a prescription and at no cost; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County has been proactive in equipping the community to combat overdose deaths, especially opioid overdoses, by providing resources and support and increasing the availability of the life-saving drug Naloxone through pharmacies and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County joins global efforts to support the families within our community and to secure a healthier future for both our county and nation by working to eliminate addiction and overdose.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Washoe County District Board of Health does hereby proclaim August 31, 2024, as

International Overdose Awareness Day

ADOPTED this 31st day of August 2024.

Kristopher Dahir, Chairman
District Board of Health