

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized around the world as a day to acknowledge individual loss and family grief for people who have suffered an overdose; and

WHEREAS, In 2020 there were 916 deaths in Nevada and 93,331 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day recognizes overdoses from legal and illicit drugs, because it echoes the tragedy of the overdose crisis, allowing us to speak and educate more about the issue; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day raises awareness of and reduces the stigma of drug-related deaths and is an opportunity to honor those who lost their loved one to an overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day sends a strong message to support those suffering from a substance use disorder to acknowledge they are loved and valued; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day will bring attention to the struggle of addiction in our community while making a commitment to preventing loss of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, August 31, 2021 as

~International Overdose Awareness Day ~

Dated this 17th day of August 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission