



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

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

**Whereas:** No community in Washington state is immune to accidental or intentional drug overdose deaths – which totaled more than 2,000 in 2021, an increase of more than 66% over the state's 2019 statistics; and

**Whereas:** In Bellevue, overdose deaths continue to impact our community with 18 deaths in 2021 and nine so far in 2022; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue police officers began carrying the anti-overdose drug Narcan in 2019 to reverse overdoses from very potent opioids such as fentanyl; and

**Whereas:** Addiction is a complex and treatable disease, and a life of recovery is possible; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is committed to raising awareness of drug overdoses as it continues to support local, county and state efforts related to education, prevention, treatment and recovery support for substance abuse.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Aug. 31, 2022 as:

International Overdose Awareness Day

in Bellevue, encouraging residents to stand by the growing number of neighbors who have lost loved ones to an overdose or are battling a substance use disorder themselves.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue