

# CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the City of Yakima does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of more than 96 Yakima residents in 2023, together with countless more affected forever; and*

*WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim August 30, 2024 as*

## *“Overdose Awareness Day”*

*in the City of Yakima in recognition of the international event on August 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024*



*Patricia Byers*  
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Patricia Byers, Mayor