



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-033**

**RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2023, AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY  
IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, over the last three and a half years, we have been dually challenged by a pandemic and epidemic, COVID-19 and substance use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, fatal overdoses involving any drug increased by 11 percent, and fatal opioid-related overdoses also increased by 11 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant factor for these increases is fentanyl, which was involved in 72 percent of all fatal drug overdoses in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, during the same period in 2022, 856 people were saved by first responders using naloxone in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, as we reflect on this data, it is important to recognize this information represents the loss of 264 community members to overdose in 2022 and the family, friends, and loved ones they have left behind; and

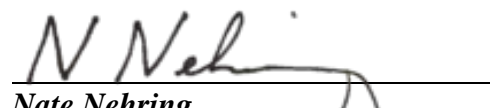
**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County recognizes the severity of this epidemic and remains committed to supporting prevention and intervention services, raising awareness, creating opportunities for dialogue in our community, reducing stigma, and educating community members about addiction and overdose prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County extends our sincerest appreciation to the Lee family, Warfield family, and Hope Soldiers for their tireless advocacy, commitment to raising awareness, and efforts to reduce overdose-related deaths in our community;

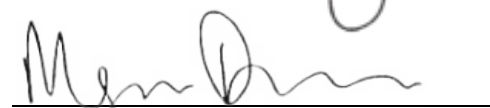
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize August 31, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in Snohomish County. All residents and visitors are invited to join the Snohomish County government, Hope Soldiers, Debbie Warfield, Cathi Lee, and many other community partners in participating in our Annual Overdose Awareness Day Vigil and Resource Fair on Thursday, August 31, on the County Campus in Everett at 5:00 p.m.

**APPROVED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

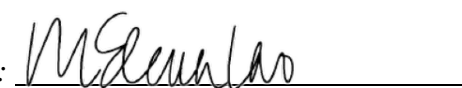
  
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