

PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR

International Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2026

Whereas International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized globally on August 31 to raise awareness about the risks of overdosing, honour the individuals whose lives have been lost from overdosing, and acknowledge the grief felt by families, friends, and communities; and

Whereas Overdose Awareness Day aims to publicly challenge the stigma associated with substance use disorders and overdosing; and

Whereas every person deserves our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose, and it is imperative to support overdose prevention policies and projects and to help make sure everyone understands overdose is a social issue, which impacts the victim, families, friends, and communities.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Joe Branco, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 31, 2026 as **Overdose Awareness Day** in the City of Wetaskiwin and commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our city.

Joe Branco, Mayor