

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** according to the most recent national survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA), 22% of the population over the age of twelve used illicit drugs in the prior year, and 17% of the population over the age of twelve meet clinical criteria for having a drug or alcohol use disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** Emergency medical services responded to nearly 500 overdoses in Kitsap County in 2023, a three-fold increase since 2019, and an increasing number of Kitsap residents are dying each year from opioid overdose, with at least sixty-five Kitsap overdose deaths in 2023; and
- WHEREAS,** according to SAMHSA, 94% of Americans with a substance use disorder do not receive treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** recovery from harmful alcohol and drug use is possible with commitment, peer and community support, and access to evidence-based treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing Recovery Month spreads the message that recovery changes lives, peer support and treatment are effective, and by treating substance use disorders as seriously as other medical conditions we benefit all parts of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Poulsbo recognizes its role in promoting recovery by hiring and uplifting people in recovery, making free and friendly services available, encouraging recovery residences, and partnering with governments and providers to expand access to care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim September, as

RECOVERY MONTH

To raise awareness of the power of recovery and acknowledge the City's obligation to promote recovery as part of our healthcare system in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 30 day of August, 2024.



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

