

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

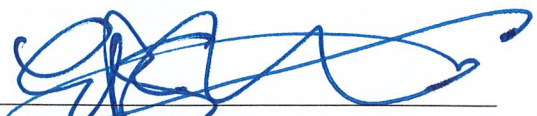
- WHEREAS,** according to the most recent national survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA), 15% of the population over the age of twelve, or approximately 45 million people, meet clinical criteria for having a past-year drug or alcohol use disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** There were 381 emergency medical services (EMS) responses related to a suspected opioid overdose in Kitsap County in 2025 and 57 Kitsap residents died from opioid overdose the same year;
- WHEREAS,** according to SAMHSA's 2025 National Survey, only one in six individuals who needed substance use treatment received any substance use treatment in the past year;
- 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 recovery services available, encouraging recovery residences, and empowering police and other City staff to expand access to care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, 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 15 day of SEP, 2026.



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