



Proclamation

Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2025

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is internationally recognized on August 31 of each year to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends by remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were approximately 107,941 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2022, and although preliminary figures for 2023 indicate a slight decline, overdose remains a leading public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, overdose is the leading cause of death for persons under the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the signs of someone struggling with substance abuse as such individuals may experience personality changes, health problems, relationship problems, difficulty at work and financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, addiction touches people of all backgrounds; regardless of race, religion, education, or social class, people from all walks of life have suffered from substance abuse or known someone who has; and

WHEREAS, those who suffer from substance use disorder are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, and friends to many, and it is up to the community to reduce the stigma, promote education and treatment, and support healing for all affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2025 as Overdose Awareness Day in recognition of the lives lost to overdose and in support of those working toward recovery and prevention.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk