

City of
Sparks
Proclamation

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized around the world as a day to acknowledge individual loss and family grief for people who have suffered an overdose; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, there were 741 deaths drug overdose deaths in Nevada and 67,744 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day recognizes overdoses from legal and illicit drugs, because it echoes the tragedy of the overdose crisis, allowing us to speak and educate more about the issue; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day raises awareness of and reduces the stigma of drug-related deaths and is an opportunity to honor those who lost their loved one to an overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day celebrates those who have survived an overdose and will bring attention to the struggle of addiction in our community while making a commitment to preventing loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day sends a strong message to support those suffering from a substance use disorder to acknowledge they are loved and valued; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2019 as:

“INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 16th day of August, 2019.



RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk