



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

Fentanyl Awareness Day May 7, 2024

WHEREAS, National Fentanyl Awareness Day aims to amplify nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand for fentanyl, which is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that continues to drive the overdose epidemic; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine; and

WHEREAS, drug traffickers are increasingly mixing fentanyl with other drugs, and even putting it in marijuana, cocaine, etc. Many people who are overdosing and dying don't even know that they are taking fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Mukilteo Police had five overdose reversals in 2023. Sixty-six percent of overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, only two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose; it's particularly dangerous for someone who does not have a tolerance to opioids; and

WHEREAS, young people and families need to have a strong sense of awareness about this drug and the dangers of it, kids as young as middle school age have overdosed on fentanyl.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim May 7th as *Fentanyl Awareness Day* in Mukilteo and encourage residents to be aware and to share this information far and wide. No one is exempt from the dangers of fentanyl, and it is critical that we keep our community and loved ones safe.



Signed this 6th Day of May, 2024

Joe Marine
Mayor