



PROCLAMATION

Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2021

WHEREAS the District of Chetwynd does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which has claimed the lives of more than 850¹ British Columbia resident to date in 2021, together with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and are deserving of our love, compassion and support;

NOW THEREFORE

I, Allen Courtoreille, Mayor of the District of Chetwynd, do hereby proclaim **August 31, 2021** as “**Overdose Awareness Day**” in the District of Chetwynd.


Mayor Allen Courtoreille

¹ Source for 2021 overdose deaths: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/birth-adoption-death-marriage-and-divorce/deaths/coroners-service/statistical/illicit-drug.pdf>