

Proclamation August 31, 2023

International Overdose Awareness Day

Whereas, the Town of Orangeville 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 place our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which recent data released by Public Health Ontario reveals that the 2003-2016 Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph cases are often significantly higher than Ontario rates; and

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

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post do hereby proclaim August 31, 2023 as "**International Overdose Awareness Day"** in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post Mayor