

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, fatal medication and drug overdoses have surpassed traffic fatalities in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, fatal overdoses have increased in communities across the state, large and small, rural and urban; and

WHEREAS, all drug overdoses can be prevented and most reversed before becoming fatal; and

WHEREAS, Washington State passed the Overdose Prevention and Response law in 2010 (RCW 69.50.315) which provides legal immunity for those who have an overdose or get help during an overdose and which also expands access to a lifesaving antidote for opiate overdoses; and

WHEREAS, local efforts show the value of law enforcement and public health collaborating to increase awareness of the Overdose Prevention and Response law; and

WHEREAS, families and communities can learn about how to prevent and intervene in overdoses before they become fatal at www.stopoverdose.org;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do proclaim August 31, 2013 as

International Overdose Awareness Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in the special observance.

Signed this 27th day of August, 2013

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

