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International Overdose Awareness Day

Time to remember loved ones and end overdose.

#ENDOVERDOSE

Join the Grant County Health District and Renew with the support of community leaders, community partners and local law enforcement on August 31, 2022 at 4:30pm at the Ephrata Courthouse.

Ephrata, WA – Local communities in Washington state and around the world are coming together to remember those who have died or suffered permanent injury due to drug overdose.

Observed on the 31st of August every year, International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) seeks to create better understanding of overdose, remember the people who have lost their lives to drug overdose, acknowledge the grief felt by friends and family member left behind, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use.

The Grant County Health District and Renew will be hosting an event at the Ephrata Courthouse on Wednesday August 31, 2022.

At the event there will be:

- A space to remember those lost to overdose of any substance. You can personalize a white flag if you know someone lost to overdose.
- Purple flags representing those saved with Narcan distributed by our Harm Reduction program.
- Tools to help prevent substance misuse and overdose including medication lockboxes and access to local community resources.

- Overdose response training including free Narcan.
- Community speakers to share with us what’s happening locally and how we can end overdoses in our homes and communities.

By participating in this event, the people of Grant County will be joining a global movement for understanding, compassion, and change.

People and communities come together annually to raise awareness of one of the world’s most urgent public health crises – one that, unfortunately, is only getting worse.

Thank you to our community partners, Renew, Hope Source, Moses Lake Community Coalition, Soap Lake Prevention Coalition, Advance, and the City of Mattawa for their help to organize this event. Thank you to our local law enforcement agencies, Grand Coulee Dam PD, Royal City PD, Moses Lake PD, Ephrata PD, Warden PD, Quincy PD, and the Grant County Sheriff's Office, who have committed to raising awareness by displaying flags in their communities the week of August 31st.

X INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

WHITE FLAGS WILL SERVE AS A MEMORIAL FOR LIVES LOST DUE TO ANY SUBSTANCE OVERDOSE IN GRANT COUNTY & PURPLE FLAGS WILL REPRESENT LIVES SAVED DUE TO NARCAN

PURPOSE

- TO CALL FOR A CHANGE IN DRUG POLICIES AROUND THE WORLD TO REDUCE THE OVERDOSE TOLL.
- TO REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO DRUG OVERDOSE.
- TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRIEF FELT BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS LEFT BEHIND.
- TO END THE STIGMA OF DRUG RELATED DEATHS.

RESOURCES

- RESOURCES AND NARCAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE THEM.

PARTNERS THAT WILL BE PRESENT

GRAND COULEE DAM POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF MATTAWA MOSES LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ROYAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
 EPHRATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
 HOPE SOURCE

TIME TO REMEMBER, TIME TO ACT
 EPHRATA COURTHOUSE
 35 C ST NW, EPHRATA, WA 98823
 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

31 AUGUST

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ADVANCE

X DÍA INTERNACIONAL DE LA CONCIENCIA SOBRE LAS SOBREDOSIS

LAS BANDERAS BLANCAS REPRESENTARÁN LAS VIDAS PERDIDAS POR SOBREDOSIS DE CUALQUIER SUSTANCIA EN EL CONDADO DE GRANT Y LAS BANDERAS MORADAS REPRESENTARÁN LAS VIDAS SALVADAS DEBIDO AL NARCAN.

PROPÓSITO

- PEDIR UN CAMBIO EN LAS POLÍTICAS DE DROGAS EN TODO EL MUNDO PARA REDUCIR EL NÚMERO DE SOBREDOSIS.
- PARA RECORDAR A LAS PERSONAS QUE HAN PERDIDO LA VIDA POR SOBREDOSIS DE DROGAS.
- PARA RECONOCER EL DOLOR QUE SIENTEN LOS AMIGOS Y FAMILIARES QUE QUEDAN ATRÁS.
- PARA ACABAR CON EL ESTIGMA DE LAS MUERTES RELACIONADAS CON LAS DROGAS.

RECURSOS

- RECURSOS Y EL NARCAN ESTARÁN DISPONIBLES PARA AQUELLOS QUE DESEEN TOMARLOS.

SOCIOS QUE ESTARÁN PRESENTE

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