



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, August 31, 2026, is International Overdose Awareness Day, the world's largest campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind; and

Whereas, today stands as a time to acknowledge the profound grief felt by families and friends whose loved ones have died or suffered permanent injury from a drug overdose; and

Whereas, the goal of International Overdose Awareness Day is to build a safe environment for conversations surrounding drug overdose, amplify the access to information on the range of support services that are available and prevent and reduce drug-related harm by supporting evidence-based policy and practice; and

Whereas, the City of Grand Junction is committed to sharing the message of International Overdose Awareness Day and create opportunities for discussion involving drug overdose and encourages all to engage in education about harm reduction, recognizing the signs and symptoms of an overdose, and how to react in order to save a life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurel Lutz, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2026, as

"International Overdose Awareness Day"

in the City of Grand Junction. Furthermore, I encourage all residents to recognize this day in support of those affected by drug overdoses in our community and beyond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of September 2026.

Laurel Lutz

Mayor

