



**Proclamation of the City of Sedro-Woolley declaring**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as**

**Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

*Whereas*, National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs; and

*Whereas*, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day strives to educate the general public about the potential for abuse of medications; and

*Whereas*, opioid abuse is at epidemic levels in the United States, and remains a top public health concern; and

*Whereas*, over 12 million Americans age 12 and older misuse controlled prescription drugs and majority of the abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends; and

*Whereas*, misuse of prescription narcotic drugs (opioids) is a major public health concern and more than 130 people die each day from opioid overdoses; and

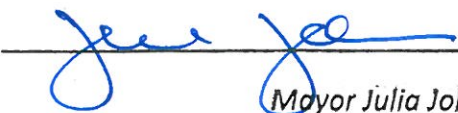
*Whereas*, unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose; and

*Whereas*, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national initiative implemented to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion; and

*Whereas*, proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives; and

*Whereas*, the City of Sedro-Woolley Police Department, United General Hospital District #304, and the Sedro-Woolley Community Coalition (Sedro-Woolley R.I.S.E.), will host a Prescription Drug Take Day April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, to provide an opportunity for our community to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Julia Johnson, Mayor of the City of Sedro-Woolley, do hereby proclaim April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in Sedro-Woolley** and call upon the people of Sedro-Woolley to observe and participate in this event in order to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion, and prevent the number of opioid overdoses.

  
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Mayor Julia Johnson