

Proclamation of the City of Sedro-Woolley declaring

October 24th, 2020 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

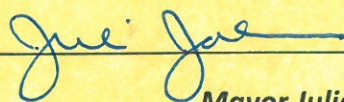
Whereas, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national initiative implemented to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion; and

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 Back Day October 24th, 2020, 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 October 24th, 2020, 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.





Mayor Julia Johnson