

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLEY DECLARING OCTOBER 23, 2021

AS

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Whereas, National Prescription Drug 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

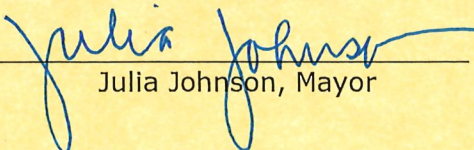
Whereas, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national initiative implemented to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion; and

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 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day October 23rd, 2021, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, to provide an opportunity for our community to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, this 13th Day of October, 2021 by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, that October 23, 2021 is hereby declared to be "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" and encourage all residents to participate by turning-in all of their unused or expired medication for safe disposal and helping to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto subscribed my name to be affixed this 13th day of October 2021.



Julia Johnson, Mayor

