

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



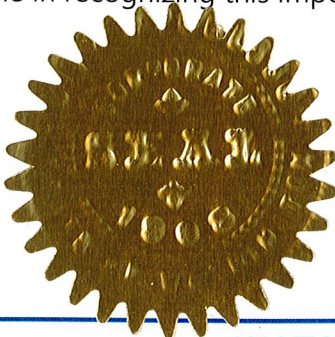
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** according to the most recent national survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA), 16.8% of the population over the age of twelve, or approximately 48 million people, meet clinical criteria for having a past-year drug or alcohol use disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** There were over 400 emergency medical services (EMS) responses related to an suspected opioid overdose in Kitsap County in 2024 and 60 Kitsap residents died from opioid overdose the same year;
- WHEREAS,** according to SAMHSA, 4 out of 5 of Americans with a substance use disorder in 2024 did not receive treatment the previous year; and
- WHEREAS,** recovery from harmful alcohol and drug use is possible with commitment, peer and community support, and access to evidence-based treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing Recovery Month spreads the message that recovery changes lives, peer support and treatment are effective, and by treating substance use disorders as seriously as other medical conditions we benefit all parts of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Poulsbo recognizes its role in promoting recovery by hiring and uplifting people in recovery, making free and friendly services available, encouraging recovery residences, and partnering with governments and providers to expand access to care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby proclaim September, as

## RECOVERY MONTH

To raise awareness of the power of recovery and acknowledge the City's obligation to promote recovery as part of our healthcare system in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.



Dated this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2025.

  
Rebecca Erickson, Mayor