

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fentanyl is so lethal it can incapacitate and kill within seconds (as little as .25 mg, can be fatal), leaving a person helpless and without breath; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl-contaminated drugs are killing people who are unaware that the drug they are about to take is laced with or has been completely replaced with Fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, multiple doses of the antidote Naloxone (Narcan) and other emergency interventions may still not prevent the damaging effects and fatalities of fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") in 2021, drug overdose deaths in the United States topped 100,000 annually, and Illicit fentanyl accounted for 64% of all the drug related deaths in the United States as of January 2022; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl poisoning is now the number one cause of death among Americans ages 18 to 45, surpassing COVID-19, suicide, and car accidents, with Fentanyl deaths among teens tripling in only two years; and

WHEREAS, a recent study examined the years of life lost due to unintentional drug deaths among young people aged 10 – 24 and determined that American teens and young adults lost nearly 1.5 million years of life between 2015 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl does not discriminate based on age, sex, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or any other factor and is killing unsuspecting, non-addicted individuals as well as individuals suffering from substance use disorder.

WHEREAS, our children and grandchildren, our spouses and partners, our parents and siblings are among the victims of these drug deaths, and our sincere hope is that we can use this day to bring awareness and honor the memory of our loved ones by preventing more tragic and senseless deaths from illicit fentanyl.

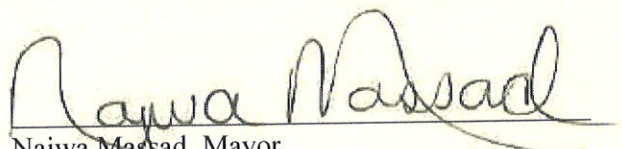
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Najwa Massad, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2024, as

FENTANYL POISONING AWARENESS & PREVENTION DAY

in the City of Mankato.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 12th day of August 2024.




Najwa Massad, Mayor