

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fentanyl poisoning is so lethal, as little as 2 mg, can be fatal and can kill quickly; 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 (CDC) in 2024, there were an estimated 80,391 overdose deaths in the United States with 48,422 drug overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl; 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 three years; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl contaminated drugs are killing people who are unaware that the drugs they are taking, may be poisoned with or have been completely replaced with fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl does not discriminate based on age, sex, gender, race, or any other factor; and

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 21st, 2026, as

NATIONAL FENTANYL PREVENTION AND AWARENESS 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 10th day of August 2026.




Najwa Massad, Mayor