

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, our community is experiencing a troubling rise in fatal overdoses, many of which are linked to the synthetic opioid fentanyl; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, more than 80 percent of all overdose deaths in Spokane County were from an opioid and many involved fentanyl; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness and educating the public about the dangers of opioids is a crucial step in preventing further loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, through collective action, open dialogue, and increased community involvement, we can empower people to make safer choices and help protect our families, friends, and neighbors:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2025 as

### THE LAUNCH OF GABRIEL'S CHALLENGE

in Spokane and invite all residents, neighbors, faith-communities, businesses, and organizations to educate one another about the opioid crisis, engage with community, and empower each other to take action in support of this community wide initiative.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
7th day of May 2025.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

