



Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation National Recovery Month

By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion

Whereas substance abuse recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, communities and businesses; and

Whereas opioids were involved in 42,249 deaths in 2016 and opioid overdose deaths were five times higher in 2016 than 1999; and

Whereas, one in five teens abuse prescription drugs before the age of 13; and

Whereas, according to the CDC, in 2016, there were 2,347 Michigan residents that died from a drug overdose in Michigan; and

Whereas, we will continue to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

Whereas we believe everyone facing substance use disorders deserve the benefit of recovery; and

Whereas Friday, September 21, 2018, has been designated for Oakland County's 11th Annual Substance Use Recovery Celebration and Walk; and

Whereas stigma and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

Whereas substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically or functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home; and

Whereas substance use disorder recovery is a journey of healing and transformation, enabling people to live in a community of his/her choice while striving to achieve his/her full potential; and

Whereas substance use disorder recovery benefits individuals with substance use disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn, and fully participate and contribute to our society, and also enriches the culture of our community; and

Now therefore I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, along with Oakland County Community Mental Health and the Oakland County Health Division, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Recovery Month, and call upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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