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 approximately 21.5 million Americans ages 12 and older have a substance use disorder; and

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

Whereas Friday, September 23, 2016, has been designated for Oakland County's 9th 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 2016 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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