



PROCLAMATION

September is National Recovery Month

Whereas, every day, millions of Americans prove that recovery from alcohol and substance use disorders is possible – yet at the same time, millions more are struggling with the disease of addiction. Substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with commitment and support, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery; by seeking help, people who experience substance use disorders can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness; the focus of National Recovery Month this September is to celebrate their journey; Recovery Month spreads the message that prevention works, treatment is effective and people recover; and

Whereas, the term “substance use disorder”, commonly known as addiction, is a disease of the brain, and many misconceptions surrounding it have contributed to harmful stigmas that can prevent individuals from seeking the treatment they need. By treating substance use disorders as seriously as other medical conditions, with an emphasis on prevention and treatment, people can recover; and

Whereas, nationally, in 2020 there was an estimated 81,000 Americans who died due to overdoses; the impact of substance use disorders is apparent in our local community; an estimated 85% of our county prison population is made up of persons with charges related to drug and alcohol abuse; a leading reason children are abused and neglected in Warren County is due to their parent’s substance use; the agency has seen an increase in the number of referrals for investigations involving parental substance abuse.

Whereas, the Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by substance use disorders by raising awareness of this disease and educating communities about the prevention, treatment, and recovery resources that are available; for the above reasons, we the Warren County Board of Commissioners, ask the citizens of Warren County to join us in celebrating and promoting this September as National Recovery Month.

Now, therefore, we the Warren County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September as: National Recovery Month in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2021.

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

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Benjamin Kafferlin
Chair

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Tricia D. Durbin
Vice Chair

Attest:

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Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

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Jeff Eggleston
Commissioner