

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the impact of mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is essential to overall health, and recovery is a process through which individuals are able to improve their wellness, live increasingly self-directed lives, and strive to fulfill their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, by seeking support, people who experience mental health and/or substance use disorders can embark on a healthier lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, recognizes the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible; and

WHEREAS, through National Recovery Month, the community has an opportunity to become more able to recognize the signs of mental health and/or substance use disorders as well as support the service providers who give their unwavering support to those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim September 2017, as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

and invite the community to join me in observing this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance.

DATED this twenty-eighth of August, 2017.

Chuck Bennett, Mayor

