## Office of the Mayor City of High Point North Carolina

## PROCLAMATION...

- WHEREAS, National Recovery Month has been celebrated every September since 1989 and is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and
- WHEREAS, National Recovery Month raises awareness and increased understanding of substance abuse and mental illness issues. National Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health and that people can recover; and
- WHEREAS, National Recovery Month advocates for treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders by increasing awareness about the plights of addiction and the effectiveness of proper treatment; and
- WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a platform to celebrate people in all forms of recovery and those who serve them, inspiring hundreds of events each year; and
- WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is highlighting the importance of speaking out about recovery with this year's theme, "Join The Voices For Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, our Recovery!"; and
- **WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness and prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and
- we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Caring Services, Inc. of High Point invite all residents of Guilford County to participate in National Recovery Month; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that I, William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

In High Point and call upon the people of High Point to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's Recovery Month theme: "Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

William S. Bencini, Jr., Mayor

