## 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. Recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders, including co-occurring disorders, is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; 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, Treatment and recovery services for mental illness and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is effective and people can and do recover in our community and around the nation; and,
- WHEREAS, Addressing and overcoming mental illness and substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS, We encourage relatives and friends of those who struggle with mental illness, substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and encourage those in need of help to seek appropriate treatment and recover support services; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated 19.7 million people in the United States are affected by substance use disorder, 11.2 million have a serious mental illness, and 8.5 million struggle with co-occurring disorders; and
- WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Caring Services, Inc. invite all residents of High Point to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jay W. Wagner, Mayor of the City of High Point, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 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: Together We Are Stronger" and to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Recovery Month observance.



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 19th day of August 2019.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor