

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, communities and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 2.1 million people had an opioid use disorder, which includes 1.7 million people with a prescription pain reliever use disorder, and 0.7 million people with a heroin use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in 2017, an estimated 20.7 million people aged 12 and older needed substance use treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, We will continue to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse. We believe everyone facing substance use disorders deserve the benefit of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Friday, September 20, 2019, marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakland County Substance Abuse Recovery Celebration and Walk, held at Oakland Community Health Network's Troy Location at 5505 Corporate Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Stigma and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve quality of life. 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, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Troy hereby recognizes **September 2019 as National Recovery Month**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Troy calls upon our citizens, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our City to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

**Presented this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019.**