

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PROCLAMATION

## National Recovery Month – September 2023

**WHEREAS**, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, in 2021, 16.5 percent of Americans (or 46.3 million people) 12 years or older, were classified as having a substance use disorder in the past year, including 29.5 million people who were classified as having an alcohol use disorder, and 24 million people who were classified as having a drug use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) over 105,000 overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2022, a 2% decrease from 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, friends, communities, and businesses. Stigma and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or other 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 their choice while striving to achieve their 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 society and also enriches the community culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees hereby recognizes September 2023 as National Recovery Month and hopes to increase awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on August 28, 2023.

Charter Township of Waterford

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Kim Markee, Township Clerk