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Proclamation for Recovery Month 2016

PROCLAMATION
Celebrating Recovery Month
September 2016

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has declared September National Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, Addiction is a national epidemic, affecting those who suffer, their families and loved ones and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Addiction is a treatable disease and recovery is a reality for millions of Americans who have changed their lives. According to Laudet's 2013 Life in Recovery Survey "The dramatic improvements associated with recovery affected all areas of life including a ten-fold decrease in involvement with the criminal justice system and the use of costly emergency room departments and a 50 percent increase in participation in family activities and in paying taxes compared with their lives in active addiction."; and

WHEREAS, Recovery from addiction flourishes in supportive, recovery friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor and greater Washtenaw County is a recovery friendly community that is home to a vibrant, diverse and thriving recovering community, a model Recovery Oriented System of Care, many recovery friendly employers, a collegiate recovery program at U-M, and many dedicated professionals who help people initiate and maintain their recoveries; and

WHEREAS, Proclaiming September 2016 as Recovery Month serves to applaud those who are in recovery, their families, loved ones and the community that supports them, providing hope to those who still suffer and affirming our shared belief in redemption and second chances.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as Recovery Month, and invite residents of Ann Arbor to support those in recovery and the programs & services designed to help those in need.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 19th day of September, 2016

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor