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Recovery Month proclamation 2020

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating Recovery Month  
September 2020

WHEREAS, September is National Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, Addiction is a major national public health issue - affecting those who suffer, their families, loved ones and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Recovery is a reality for millions of resilient Americans whose lives have been transformed as a result. The 2013 Life in Recovery Survey concluded “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”; and

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

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor 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, two collegiate recovery programs, and many dedicated professionals and agencies who help people initiate and maintain their recoveries; and

WHEREAS, Proclaiming September 2020 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 values as a city that believes in the dignity and worth of all of our residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor