



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-54

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) launched Recovery Month in 1989 to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month promotes and supports new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the Nation's strong and proud recovery communities, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month has adopted the theme, "Recovery is REAL: Restoring Every Aspect of Life", highlighting that recovery is possible and focusing on the four key pillars of recovery: health, home, community, and purpose. This theme emphasizes the importance of rebuilding every part of one's life through comprehensive recovery efforts, including accessing necessary support and treatments; and

WHEREAS, Go Purple Charles County works to promote education and awareness of substance use disorders with the goal of ending stigma, advocating treatment, celebrating recovery and promoting harm reduction practices in Charles County. Substance Use and Mental Health Recovery Communities continue to face stigma and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, to support the millions of individuals who are proudly living their lives in recovery, as well as their family members and loved ones, the Charles County Board of Commissioners joins the Charles County Department of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration inviting all residents to participate in National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in Charles County and encourage all residents to support addiction recovery.

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