



# Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

## Proclamation National Recovery Month

*By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion*

**Whereas** substance abuse recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, communities and businesses; and

**Whereas**, according to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrative), in 2018, an estimated 20.3 million people aged 12 or older had a substance use disorder; and

**Whereas**, we will continue to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

**Whereas** we believe everyone facing substance use disorders deserve the benefit of recovery; and

**Whereas** 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 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** I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, along with the Oakland Community Health Network, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as National Recovery Month, and call upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

Chris Barnett, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Orion

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