

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover across Ohio and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse remains a serious public health problem in Ohio with more than 100,000 Ohioans benefitting from publicly-funded alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services in 2015 – including nearly 41 percent of whom sought help specifically for opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center – Talbot Hall, Joyner and Associates and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services invite all residents of Ohio to participate in National Recovery Month; and

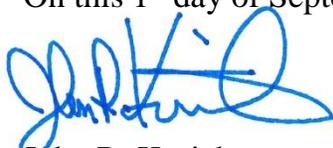
WHEREAS, every Ohioan has a right to achieve their God-given purpose and deserves the opportunity to enter in and sustain a long term recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2016 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

in Ohio and call upon the citizens of this great state to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's theme, **Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!**

On this 1st day of September 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

