



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, we know addiction is a chronic but treatable disease, that treatment is effective, and recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 14% of Barnstable County residents are living with Substance Use Disorders; 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, community support and reducing stigma significantly contributes to an individual's ability to achieve and maintain recovery and contribute in positive ways both locally and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Substance Use Task Force wishes to honor individuals in recovery, as well as allies of recovery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mashpee Board of Selectmen, by the authority vested in us, do hereby officially proclaim the **Month of September, 2019** as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in Mashpee and call upon the people of Mashpee to observe this month with appropriate programs, events, and activities that support this year's Recovery Month theme, "Together We Are Stronger."

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the great seal of the Town of Mashpee to be affixed on this 9th day of September, 2019.

Andrew R. Gottlieb, Chair

John J. Cotton, Vice Chair

Thomas F. O'Hara, Clerk

Carol A. Sherman