



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 9/22/2021

Department: Health & Human Services Agenda Planning Date: 9/15/21 Time required: 10 mins

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Department Head Signature: 

TITLE National Recovery Month in Marion County

Issue, Description & Background September is National Recovery Month. Members of our Addiction Treatment Program would like to come before the Board of Commissioners to recognize this important issue through a formal proclamation.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies None

Options for Consideration: Commissioners present and sign the proclamation for September being Recovery Month in Marion County.

Recommendation: Commissioners present and sign the proclamation for September being Recovery Month in Marion County.

List of attachments: Copy of proclamation

Presenter: Teri Morgan and Melissa Pola

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the month of September 2021, as Recovery Month in Marion County.

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on September 22, 2021.

WHEREAS, recovery from mental health and substance use disorders of Marion County residents are of the utmost importance to the well-being of Marion County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, all Marion County residents have faced challenges in the past 18 months that may have impacted their wellness, including a global pandemic, civil unrest, wildfires, an ice storm, and other difficult and tragic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the impact of mental health and substance use disorders is apparent in our local community; as there were 228 drug related deaths in Marion County, from 2016 to 2018, and at least 339 drug overdose deaths in Oregon from January to June 2020; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with substance use and mental health discourages individuals from seeking timely, appropriate, and life-changing help; and

WHEREAS, managing the effects of these conditions helps individuals achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, with commitment and support, those impacted by substance abuse and mental health disorders in Marion County can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, through Recovery Month, our community can become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders, and individuals in need of recovery services are encouraged to seek help; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Health and Human Services and our community partners are committed to promoting environments that acknowledge and support the relationship between substance use and mental health disorder recovery and overall health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the focus of Recovery Month this September is to celebrate all people that make the journey of recovery possible by embracing the 2021 theme, "*Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.*" Recovery Month spreads the message that people can and do recover every day; and

WHEREAS, the September National Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about the effective services that are available. For the above reasons, we are asking the citizens of Marion County to join us in celebrating this September as Recovery Month; now therefore

It is hereby proclaimed that the month of September 2021, is Recovery Month in Marion County.



DATED at Salem, Oregon this 22nd day of September, 2021.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson _____

Commissioner _____

Commissioner _____