

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PROCLAMATION National Recovery Month – September 2022

WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, in 2020, 40.3 million people aged 12 or older had a Substance Use Disorder in the past year, including 28.3 million who had alcohol use disorder, 18.4 million who had an illicit drug use disorder, and 6.5 million people who had both alcohol use and illicit drug use disorder; and

WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, in 2020, 22.2 percent of Americans (or 61.6 million people) 12 years or older, were binge alcohol users in the past month. The percentage was highest among young adults 18 to 25; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 92,000 overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2020, which was a 31% increase from 2019; and

WHEREAS, Substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, friends, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) continues to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; 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 other drugs cause 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 their choice while striving to achieve their 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 society and also enriches the community culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees hereby recognizes September 2022 as National Recovery Month. OCHN calls

upon our citizens government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to re-commit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on August 22, 2022.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kim Markee, Township Clerk

