



WHEREAS, the theme for **National Recovery Month** is “**Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community,**” and

WHEREAS, recovery and prevention from substance misuse and mental health disorders, including jointly occurring disorders, is an essential part of supporting overall health and wellness, treatment, and people recover in the City of Rockville, Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance misuse and mental health disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and we must all work to recognize the signs of a problem, guide and encourage those in need to seek appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics report provisional data that, in 2024, an estimated 80,931 people died from drug overdoses in the United States, which is a decrease of 26.9% from the estimated 110,037 deaths in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Office of Overdose Response reports that from July 2024 to June 2025, Maryland had 1,360 overdose deaths, of which 1,097 were opioid related. Montgomery County had 67 overdose deaths, 37 related to opioids. These statistics highlight a 29% decrease in the number of deaths from 2023, estimated at over 2,000 deaths; however, it is still important to focus on this matter as overdose remains the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-44, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, as part of **Rockville Goes Purple** for September, has lit the city buildings in purple to support those suffering with addiction and those who are in recovery, will have a Drug Take-back Day and Narcan training and distribution in October, and has participated in the International Overdose Awareness Day event on August 28th, put on by Montgomery County and Montgomery Goes Purple; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville and its community partners, as part of the **Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund Abatement Plan**, will provide community-based awareness, outreach, and education activities throughout the year to support substance misuse, prevention and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville do hereby proclaim **September 2025** as **National Recovery Month in Rockville** and urge the residents of Rockville to join the fight for support for those struggling to stay in or be in recovery.




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