

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a national observance that promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders; celebrates those in recovery; applauds the contributions of treatment and service providers; and, promotes the message that recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, this year, Recovery Month is promoting the theme "Join the Voice for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out;" the campaign encourages people to openly speak up about mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery, and promotes ways individuals can recognize behavioral health issues and reach out for help; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 2.5 million people aged 12 and older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 34.1 million adults aged 18 and older received mental health services, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part to one's overall wellness; on its 25th anniversary, the Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by mental or substance use disorders by raising awareness of these diseases and educating communities about the prevention, treatment, and recovery resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, we are thankful for the many outlets in our region that provide support and treatment to individuals affected by mental and substance use disorders; as we continue to work to erase the stigma surrounding these areas, we remind everyone that help is available, and that recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as "National Recovery Month" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2014.

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