

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, FamilyLinks is hosting a “Recovery in the Community” day on September 18; the event will feature onsite assessments, health screenings, children’s activities, food, and a resource fair; and*

WHEREAS, *by the year 2020, mental and substance use disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and*

WHEREAS, *behavioral health is an essential part to one’s overall wellness; 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 2015 as “National Recovery Month” in Allegheny County, and commend FamilyLinks for the role it plays in supporting those seeking, being treated, or recovering.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2015.

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