Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-17-08

Proclaiming

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, reducing the impact of substance abuse and mental illness in our communities is essential and **National Recovery Month** is a platform to celebrate people in all forms of recovery to achieve a healthy lifestyle, both physically and emotionally; and

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

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month spreads a positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month highlights the need to educate our community about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and all community members and the need to eliminate discrimination and the negative public attitudes so that those in need access treatment and those in recovery re-establish their place in the community; and

WHEREAS, addiction can destroy lives and weaken families and the Monterey County Board of Education applauds organizations throughout Monterey County that provide residents of all ages with the tools and support to overcome these challenges and create lasting change in their lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 16-17-08 to proclaim the month of September 2016 as **National Recovery Month** and encourages individuals, parents, students, schools, and organizations throughout the County to support substance use treatment, promote healthy lifestyles, and make mental health services a countywide priority so that more people seek out treatment services to achieve and sustain long-term recovery.

Passed and Adopted
on the
Seventeenth Day of August 2016

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