

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-18-09

Recognizing and Honoring

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, September is **National Recovery Month** and the 2017 theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*, highlights the value of family and community support throughout recovery and invites individuals in recovery and their family members to share their personal stories and successes; and

WHEREAS, reducing the impact of substance abuse and mental illness in our communities is crucial 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, praises people in recovery, and commends the contributions of treatment and service providers; and

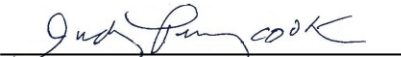
WHEREAS, **National Recovery Month** spreads a positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health and promotes the message that recovery is possible, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover; and


WHEREAS, **National Recovery Month** highlights the need to educate communities on how substance use disorders affect children, families, and all community members and helps 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, the Monterey County Board of Education applauds organizations throughout the county that provide residents of all ages with tools and support to overcome challenges, rebuild lives, strengthen families, and create lasting recovery and life-long change:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution Number 17-18-09 to proclaim the month of September 2017 as **National Recovery Month** and encourages individuals, parents, students, schools, and organizations throughout Monterey County to support substance use treatment, promote healthy lifestyles, and make mental health services a countywide priority so that more people seek treatment services to achieve and sustain long-term recovery.

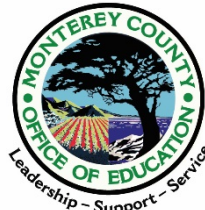
**Passed and Adopted
on the Twenty-Third
Day of August, 2017**


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