

WHEREAS, during National Recovery Month, we celebrate the more than 22 million Americans who have had the courage to seek help for substance use disorder, showing millions of others that recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder affects families in every corner of our country, and drug overdoses last year took more than 107,000 American lives; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans know and love someone who is in recovery, and with the right treatment, support, and resources, recovery is possible for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Community Paramedicine Program, founded in 2019, is comprised of paramedics from Clay County Fire Rescue, a recovery peer support specialist, and the Clay County naloxone coordinator, all working to engage residents to help improve vulnerable living conditions, overcome addiction to opioids or other substances, and connect with available resources to maximize their efforts to live healthy, independent lives; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Community Paramedicine Program provides award-winning, wholistic community paramedicine services with an innovative community-focused approach to promoting and implementing preventative care in collaboration with health and wellness stakeholders that has resulted in a 28 percent decline in overdose-related incidents in Clay County since 2020; and

WHEREAS, anyone struggling with opioid addiction should know that they are never alone, and they can always call the 24-hour helpline at 904-284-7703. There is hope and recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim September 2024, as

RECOVERY MONTH IN CLAY COUNTY

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida this 24th day of September 2024.

ATTEST:

Tara S. Green
Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

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