

**Oak Park Township, Illinois
PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people do recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, along with the Addiction Recovery Team (ART) of the community coalition Positive Youth Development (+PYD) invite all residents of Oak Park to participate in National Recovery Month awareness activities; and

WHEREAS, to reduce stigma locally, ART and +PYD of Oak Park, supported in part by the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township, The Way Back Inn, Riveredge Hospital and Oak Park Township strive to create supportive networks for those in recovery with education and outreach events including the virtual Recovery Awareness Challenge September 24th-30th to reduce stigma, support healthy choices, and spread the message that people can and do recover every day. For more information and Recovery Challenge information please visit; <https://www.addictionrecoveryteam.org/>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clarmarie Keenan, Supervisor of Oak Park Township and the Township Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2021 to be "National Recovery Month", and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in supporting those in recovery.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2021.

Clarmarie Keenan
Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

DaToya Burtin-Cox
Township Clerk