

# ~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** Behavioral health is essential to overall wellness; and
- Whereas,** Prevention of mental disorders and/or substance abuse is effective; and
- Whereas,** Millions of Americans prove recovery from substance abuse is possible, including the more than 2,200 participants in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Hands Across the Bridge event early this month, the 300 people who attended the Recovery Forum on Saturday, the thousands who receive addiction treatment and the approximately 62,000 Clark County residents who received mental health outpatient services in 2015; and
- Whereas,** We must encourage family and friends of people with mental disorders or substance abuse, or both, to use preventive measures, recognize signs of a problem and guide loved ones to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- Whereas,** Clark County joins the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to help more people achieve and sustain recovery.

**Now, therefore,** this Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim September as

## ~ National Recovery Month ~

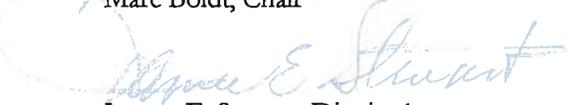
in Clark County, Washington and calls on our community to spread the message that recovery works by supporting programs and activities reflecting this year's theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!*

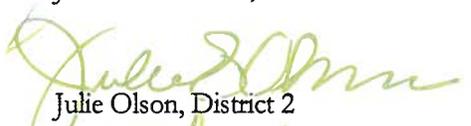
Signed this 20th day of September 2016.

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