



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorders) is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness; and

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

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is an avenue to provide resources and information about how to prevent behavioral health issues, recognize the signs of a disorder, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose and Community," highlights the important role we each have in supporting the people around us; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that those in treatment should have the same access to treatment options and follow-up support that those with other medical conditions receive; and

WHEREAS, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the scientifically recognized treatment protocol for opioids and those receiving MAT services should be considered in recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the City of Bellingham invites all residents to participate in National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 2018

RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 29th of August, 2018



Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham