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RECOVERY MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized annually as Recovery Month, and recovery is an essential part of health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2023 has the theme "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, and Every Community." Recovery Month spreads the message that people can and do recover every day; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans are recovering from a substance use disorder. Recognizing and celebrating the millions of people and families in long-term recovery is a vital part of removing the stigma toward people impacted by substance use and mental health. The individual and shared experiences of people and families in recovery are an asset and resource; and

WHEREAS, recovery is a process that transforms individuals and the communities in which they live by creating hope, health, and a sense of purpose; and

WHEREAS, strengthening recovery-oriented systems of care in Fulton County is essential to building resilient and healthy communities and achieving a unified and coordinated response to those seeking help; for the above reasons, I am asking the citizens of Fulton County to join me in celebrating this September as National *Recovery Month*.

WHEREAS, We, Fulton County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as *Recovery Month* in Fulton County and call upon our community to observe this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance, the 34th anniversary of Recovery Month.

Signed this 5^{th} day of September, 2023.

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