

## **PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS RECOVERY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK**

WHEREAS, substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, communities and business; and

WHEREAS, according to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration), in 2018 approximately 20.3 million people aged 12 or older had a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, we will continue to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

WHEREAS, we believe everyone facing substance use disorders deserves the benefit of recovery; and

WHEREAS, stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically or functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder recovery is a journey of healing and transformation, enabling people to live in a community of their choice while striving to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder recovery benefits individuals with substance use disorders by focusing on their ability to live, work, learn, and fully participate in society and enrich the culture of their community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hazel Park hereby recognizes September 2020 as Recovery Month. We call upon our citizens and organizations to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use and the need for services to promote recovery.