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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

**WHEREAS,** Since 1989, September has been recognized as “National Recovery Month” by recovery organizations, in order to celebrate the positive steps made by those in recovery, and spread awareness of evidence based methods of substance abuse prevention and treatments; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** Millions of Americans have transformed their lives through recovery treatment, making it important for us to highlight their strides in order to encourage more individuals to take the steps toward recovery; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** According to data from the Boston Public Health Commission, in 2024 the City of Boston, overall, had a thirty two percent decline in opioid-related deaths. This progress, made possible by the dedicated work of advocates, must be continued as we continue to strengthen our recovery services; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** Substance abuse mortality has had a disproportionate impact across our city. Boston’s Black and Latino populations have suffered the highest rise in substance abuse mortality rates since 2019. The neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury and the South End each experienced disproportionately higher opioid-related death rates than the rest of the city; *and,*

**WHEREAS,** By recognizing National Recovery Month, the Boston City Council can both celebrate the steps made by those in recovery, and help spread information for policies that reduce the burden for mental health care access; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the Boston City Council recognize the month of September 2025 as “National Recovery Month” and encourage all citizens and institutions across this city to celebrate those making steps towards recovery, and spreading awareness resources available for substance abuse prevention and recovery.

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