



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Department: Health & Human Services

Title: September is Recovery Month Proclamation

Management Update/Work Session Date: 8/18/2026 Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 10 Contact: Teri Morgan Phone: x2643

Requested Action: Approve proclamation to designate September as Recovery Month in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: Recovery Month was established in September 1989 to celebrate those recovering from addiction, emphasize the importance of evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, and to reduce stigmas associated with substance abuse and addiction. This initiative continually aims to increase support for those in recovery and celebrate their achievements.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Proclamation

Presenter: Teri Morgan, MCHHS; Ana Gonzalez, Community Member; Andrew McClelland, Community Member

Department Head Signature: TGregg Digitally signed by TGregg
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of proclaiming the month of September 2026 as Recovery Month in Marion County.

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on September 9, 2026.

WHEREAS, each year, National Recovery Month is observed across the country to celebrate the millions of people living in recovery from substance use and mental health conditions. It is an opportunity to recognize that recovery is possible, to reduce stigma, and to encourage those who may still be struggling to know that hope and help are available; and

WHEREAS, recovery is not just about one individual. It strengthens families, restores relationships, and creates healthier, safer communities. Every person who finds recovery creates a ripple effect that extends far beyond themselves; and

WHEREAS, here in Marion County, we are committed to ensuring that individuals have access to compassionate, evidence-based behavioral health services and recovery supports. We are equally grateful for the families, peers, providers, community organizations, and countless others who walk alongside people on their recovery journeys; and

WHEREAS, this year's Recovery Month theme, "Recovery is REAL" (Restoring Every Aspect of Life), reminds us that recovery is a powerful reminder that healing is possible, families can be reunited, and lives can be restored; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the contributions of those in recovery, the service providers, peers, family members, and community organizations who walk alongside them, and we recommit ourselves to supporting recovery in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, for the above reasons, we are asking the citizens of **Marion County** to join us in celebrating this September as **Recovery Month**; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the month of September 2026, is **Recovery Month** in Marion County, Oregon, and encourages all residents to support those on the path to recovery by fostering hope, reducing stigma, and promoting health and wellness throughout our communities.



Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 9th day of September 2026.

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Commissioner _____

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