

# 2015 National Recovery Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy and wellness, both physically and emotionally

WHEREAS, mental and/or substance use disorders left untreated causes a burden on the person, their family and friends and our community, we encourage families and other allies to recognize the signs of a problem and encourage them to aid helping that individual into treatment and recovery/wellness support services; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 22.7 million persons aged 12 and over meet criteria for substance use disorders and 43.8 million Americans aged 18 or older have experienced a mental health condition over the past year. Through Recovery Month (September) we hope to raise awareness that prevention, treatment and recovery services are now more accessible than ever before; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery/wellness, The ULSL Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the SUBSTANCE Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group (ECSAAG) and City of Charlotte invite all residents of Charlotte to participate in National Recovery Month, September 2015, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Carrie Burch, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of City of Charlotte do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015 as

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

In Charlotte and call upon the people of City of Charlotte to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's **Recovery Month**.

**In Witness** Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteenth, and of the independence of the United States of America the two-hundred and fortieth.

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Carrie Burch, Mayor