

Whereas:	Behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall wellness; and
Whereas:	Preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and
Whereas:	An estimated 400,000 people in King County are affected by related conditions; and
Whereas:	As a community we must encourage those we know with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to the appropriate treatment; and
Whereas:	To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, King County and the City of Bellevue invite all residents of Bellevue to participate in National Recovery Month.

*Now, therefore, I,* John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2019** as:

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

In Bellevue and call upon the people of Bellevue to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies to support this year's theme, *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger."* 

John Chelminiak, Mayor City of Bellevue