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To recognize September as National Alcohol and Addiction recovery month and thank Maryhaven for the support they've given to Columbus and Central Ohio in the quest to help people restore their lives.

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month was started in 1990 as a national observance held each September to educate Americans regarding substance use, treatment, mental health services, and help for people seeking to overcome these disorders in the pursuit of living a healthy, rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month recognizes that behavioral health is an essential part of health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Opiate overdoses are now killing more people now than did AIDS when it was at the pinnacle of its lethality - More than 9 out of 10 poisonings requiring hospitalization in Ohio are due to drugs - last year 1.3 million Americans needed to be hospitalized for opioid-related issues; and

WHEREAS, Over 4,000 Ohioans died from unintentional drug overdoses in 2016 - a 36 percent increase over 2015 - In Central Ohio, there are 11 overdoses each day, 4 of which result in death; and

WHEREAS, Maryhaven, Central Ohio's oldest and most comprehensive behavioral health provider specializing in treatment for people with addictive illness, was opened in 1953 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for women who were struggling with alcohol addiction; and

WHEREAS, today Maryhaven has 26 different programs in six different geographic locations throughout Central and North Central Ohio, making it the largest provider of behavioral health care services in this community; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving a healthy lifestyle, on both the physical and emotional level; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Recovery Month 2017 is let us, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities," now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize September as National Alcohol and Addiction recovery month and thank Maryhaven for the support they've given to Columbus and Central Ohio in the quest to help people restore their lives.