



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS

# *Recovery Happens Month*

*Recovery is Real: Restoring Every Aspect of Life*

**WHEREAS**, recovery from substance use and mental health challenges is a journey marked by hope, healing, and resilience, and countless individuals in San Mateo County demonstrate that recovery is possible;

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo, through Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, partners with the Voices of Recovery movement to amplify lived experiences of individuals, families, and communities who have overcome adversity and share their stories of recovery to break down stigma, barriers, and to foster understanding, empathy, and inclusion;

**WHEREAS**, each September marks **RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH**, a time to celebrate the strength of the recovery community and to highlight the importance of accessible, person-centered, peer-supported, and culturally responsive care;

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo demonstrates its commitment to recovery through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, which delivers culturally sensitive and comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services through prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, uninsured and undocumented individuals, and others in need, through County clinics, community organizations, and provider network across San Mateo County;

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, we reaffirm our commitment to creating safer communities where individuals may realize meaningful lives, with behavioral health challenges addressed in a respectful, compassionate, holistic manner that values inclusion and equity for all residents,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 2025 as **RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH** to honor individuals in recovery, support families and caregivers, promote access to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, share inspiring stories, eliminate stigma and discrimination, and reaffirm the County's commitment to inclusive, person-centered care that advances equity across our diverse communities.

*Dated: September 9, 2025*

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