

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AS
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Seminole County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors in Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, more than 48 million Americans have experienced substance use disorders in the past year; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders affect individuals of every age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, and community, impacting not only those living with the disease but also their families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, recovery is strengthened through compassion, understanding, community support, and the elimination of stigma, empowering individuals to seek help and thrive in recovery; and

WHEREAS, prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and harm reduction strategies—including access to naloxone—save lives and provide pathways to hope, healing, and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County is committed to increasing community awareness of the dangers of illegal substance use; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Community Health Division works collaboratively with healthcare providers, first responders, behavioral health professionals, recovery organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, community partners, and individuals with lived experience to promote recovery and connect residents with vital resources; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the resilience and achievements of individuals in recovery, honor the dedicated professionals, peers, families, and volunteers who support them, and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that recovery is possible for everyone;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of September 2026 as National Recovery Month in Seminole County, Florida, and encourages all residents to recognize the importance of prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and community partnerships, while working together to reduce stigma and ensure that every individual has the opportunity to pursue hope, healing, and recovery.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2026

Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners