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Franklin County Commissioners to Issue **Recovery Month** Proclamation

August 30, 2019 – FRANKLIN COUNTY, PA – The road to recovery is a daily challenge and long-term path to wellness. Individuals who experience a mental and/or substance use disorder can oftentimes feel isolated and alone. It's important that our community continues its efforts within Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Throughout the month of September, communities nationwide have the opportunity to recognize National Recovery Month and inspire and advocate for individuals and families who are seeking help. This year's Recovery Month theme, **“Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger,”** reinforces that those seeking and living in recovery are not alone.

“The well-being of the community is improved through substance use disorder treatment and recovery. This month, we celebrate Franklin County citizens who are in recovery and invite all citizens to participate in National Recovery Month events,” said Commissioner Chairman Dave Keller.

All citizens of Franklin County are encouraged to participate in a recovery event around the county to support our community members who are in need of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, while also celebrating the accomplishments of individuals who are in recovery.

Please join us at the following events:

- “Recovery Month Proclamation” on Tuesday, September 3rd from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Administrative Annex located at 218 N 2nd Street, Chambersburg, PA
- Free Recovery Comedy Show with Comedian Kurtis Matthews, on Friday, September 6th 8:00 p.m. located at the Capitol Theatre, 159 S Main St, Chambersburg, PA. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.)
- “Unity in the Community” Free family fun event to help bring awareness to our recovery community on Saturday, September 28th from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Mike Waters Memorial Park located at S. 2nd Street, Chambersburg, PA.
- The Franklin County Overdose Task Force’s **Recovery Is Possible** Awareness Campaign:

For additional information on Franklin County visit www.franklincountypa.gov.

- September 1, 2019 launch with the message “**Recovery is Possible**” on billboards in Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Mercersburg and Marion/Greencastle/State Line
- Purple light installations will be located in Chambersburg, Waynesboro and Greencastle:
 - The Waynesboro Parklet on Main Street will be up-lighted during at the “3rd Annual Loved and Lost Vigil” in Waynesboro on Saturday, August 31, 2019 and remain so throughout the month of September
 - Downtown Chambersburg will include purple lights strung on the tree trunks of approximately 60 trees that line Main Street and the Memorial Fountain in downtown Chambersburg will also be up-lighted with the color purple, starting September 3, 2019
 - Downtown Greencastle will showcase purple lighting in the square and various businesses will be up-lighted with purple, starting September 3, 2019.
- Please visit FranklinCoOverdoseTaskForce.org for more information

Together, we can promote the positive message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do **recover**. If you have any questions regarding the events listed above, please contact Franklin/Fulton Drug & Alcohol at 717-263-1256 or via email at ffda@franklincountypa.gov for more information.

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