

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

PROCLAMATION

*RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2009*

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery from substance abuse disorders improve the community's welfare and provide improved health and well-being for those who struggle with substance abuse and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the stigma of substance abuse disorders prevents many from receiving treatment that would help them to begin the journey of recovery; and

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our community through the Township of Ocean Department of Human services to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society; and

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse of New Jersey invite all residents of New Jersey to participate in the 20th anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Governing Body of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth that the month of October be acknowledged as

Recovery Month

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that those in Recovery be commended and supported in their efforts to live healthy and sober lives and to promote the well-being of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to:

1. Township of Ocean Alliance to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse
2. Dr. Richard Ponton, Director of Human services

William F. Larkin, Mayor
September 21, 2009