

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug addiction are a public health threat in Alaska, but with proper support from family, friends and the community, those affected can overcome their disease; and

WHEREAS, every day, Alaskans recover from substance use disorders and join the thousands of contributing members of our communities who live in long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, we must provide support and compassion for relatives and friends with substance use disorders, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services, such as My House, a local non-profit with an Opioid Task Force dedicated to helping local youth with recovery; and

WHEREAS, individuals in recovery help dispel myths and stigma surrounding substance use disorders and addictions, and can be guides for others throughout the course of treatment; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans must continue to work together to provide access to effective services that prevent substance use disorders and promote a healthy lifestyle; and

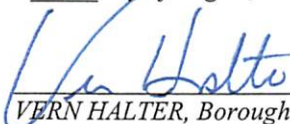
WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the State of Alaska, the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, invite all Alaskans to participate in National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vern Halter, MAYOR OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

RECOVERY MONTH

in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and call upon the people of the Borough to have compassion for those who are struggling with substance use; to foster open, honest and supportive dialogue about the effects of substance use in their communities; and to support programs that improve the circumstances for fellow Alaskans striving for recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this 16th day of August, 2018.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

