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PROCLAMATION

RALLY FOR RECOVERY

September 2017 as National Recovery Month

- WHEREAS,** Behavioral Health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS,** Prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Eliminating the stigma of addiction, specifically related to mental and/or substance use disorders, eliminates significant barriers to treatment and recovery and is the responsibility of the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** Preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS,** We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorder to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS,** The Grand Forks community has enthusiastically heeded the Mayor and City Council **GRAND FORKS CALL TO ACTION** on addiction and substance use disorders and as part of this call to action, we join with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), to invite all residents to participate in **National Recovery Month**.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Michael R. Brown, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 as **National Recovery Month** and call upon the people of Grand Forks to actively participate to remove the stigma of addiction, support recovering individuals and their friends and family and promote preventative measures that address behavioral health and/or substance use disorders in order to promote full and opportunity-filled lives for all members of our community.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor

Date