



# Town of New Paltz

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*WHEREAS, since 1989, government entities, nonprofit organizations, and others around the United States have recognized the month of September as National Recovery Month; and*

*WHEREAS, today, approximately one in six Americans suffers from addiction, and with the current opioid abuse epidemic, that number is rising; and*

*WHEREAS, observing National Recovery Month provides us as a county the opportunity to reflect on the issue of addiction as a disease; and*

*WHEREAS, as with other chronic illnesses, giving sufferers the proper treatment and care is critically important to overall health; and*

*WHEREAS, for those who have been able to take back their lives and experience long-term recovery, this observance honors their hard work as well as the service providers who make recovery possible; and*

*WHEREAS, for those individuals in long-term recovery who utilize their experience, resilience, and talents to aide in the prevention, treatment, and recovery of addiction, this observance celebrates the positive contributions individuals in long-term recovery continue to make within their families and communities as a whole, as well as their dedication to service;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, proclaim September 2017 as*

## ***NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH***

*in New Paltz and recognize that supporting both those who suffer from addiction and those who provide addiction recovery services and support is important to the overall health of our region.*

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

*Neil Bettez, Supervisor*