

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders is possible, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; 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 disorders to implement preventative measures, recognizing the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, 4 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 41.4 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the 2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

**WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the City of Margate, invite all residents to participate in National Recovery Month every September.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anthony N. Caggiano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023, as

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 6th day of September 2023.



ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone