



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use conditions affect all communities nationwide including Mercer Island; education and awareness about prevention, intervention, and treatment reduces stigma and support those seeking, or, in recovery.

National Recovery Month highlights that prevention works, treatment is effective, and recovery is possible. Education and awareness allow for better recognition of substance use and mental health disorders and facilitate people finding appropriate services and entering recovery.

National Recovery Month honors the courage and strength of individuals and families facing mental health and substance use conditions. By promoting evidence-based treatment, highlighting stories of success, and recognizing the dedication of service providers, it inspires hope and supports the resilience for those struggling towards recovery.

The 2026 theme of National Recovery Month is "*Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community*". Spreading this message helps foster a strong recovery community, encourages advocacy, focusses on wellbeing, and fosters hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Rosenbaum, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

APPROVED, this 1st day of September 2026.

Mayor David Rosenbaum

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