

Proclamation

Recovery Month, September 2026

WHEREAS, substance use disorder affects individuals, families, and communities throughout Moncks Corner and Berkeley County, and recovery is possible when people have access to support, treatment, resources, connection, and hope; and

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Recovery Month, providing an opportunity to celebrate individuals living in recovery, honor families and recovery professionals, raise awareness of effective recovery supports, and remind our community that people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS, stigma remains a significant barrier that can prevent individuals from seeking help, making it essential that our community promotes dignity, compassion, understanding, and multiple pathways to recovery; and

WHEREAS, FAVOR Lowcountry (Faces and Voices of Recovery Lowcountry) serves as a Recovery Community Organization dedicated to providing peer recovery support, advocacy, education, overdose prevention, resource navigation, and connections to treatment and recovery services throughout the Lowcountry; and

WHEREAS, FAVOR Lowcountry elevates the voices of individuals with lived experience and demonstrates the power of peer support, connection, and community in helping people begin and sustain recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley County Coroner's Office and FAVOR Lowcountry recognize the importance of collaboration, prevention, education, and community connection in addressing the impact of substance use disorder and overdose throughout Berkeley County; and

WHEREAS, individuals in recovery contribute greatly to Moncks Corner as parents, employees, business owners, public servants, advocates, neighbors, and community leaders, demonstrating that recovery transforms individual lives while strengthening families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moncks Corner recognizes the importance of standing alongside FAVOR Lowcountry, the Berkeley County Coroner's Office, and the recovery community to reduce stigma, increase awareness, connect individuals and families to resources, and ensure that everyone impacted by substance use disorder knows they are not alone, their lives have value, and recovery is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr., Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as Recovery Month in the Town of Moncks Corner and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations, and community leaders to join the Town, FAVOR Lowcountry, and the Berkeley County Coroner's Office in celebrating recovery, honoring individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder, reducing stigma, remembering those we have lost, and strengthening pathways to recovery throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Moncks Corner to be affixed this 15th day of September 2026.

**Thomas J. Hamilton, J., Mayor
Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina**