

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** Substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction; and

**WHEREAS:** Assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment—and their family members to support services—is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

**WHEREAS:** Barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families, and our community are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members with substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** Community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and

**WHEREAS:** Celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and

**WHEREAS:** To help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Addiction Professionals Association of Lane County invite all residents of Eugene to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 2019 to be

***“Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”***

in Eugene, Oregon, and encourage all citizens of our community to support individuals seeking treatment and working towards recovery.



*Lucy Vinis*  
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*Mayor Vinis*  
*Mayor of Eugene*  
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