

# *Proclamation*

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to unify the community and reduce substance-related deaths and overdoses; and

WHEREAS, mental and substance use disorders affect all communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all overdose deaths involved a prescription painkiller; prescription painkillers are killing more people than car accidents and homicides combined; and

WHEREAS, 1-in-4 teens report having abused or misused a prescription drug at least once; 4 out of 5 people who use heroin started with recreational use of prescription painkillers; and

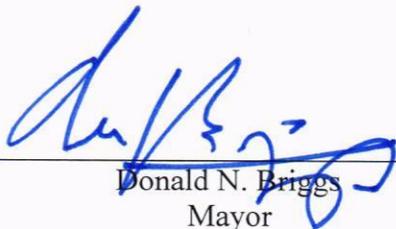
WHEREAS, the Town of Emmitsburg offers hope and resources; supports those in active addiction, recovery, and their loved ones;

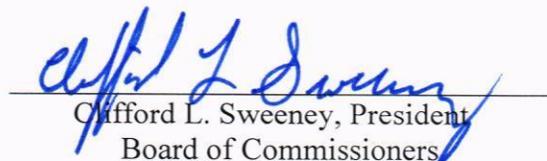
WHEREAS, the Town of Emmitsburg invests in the future of its youth through prevention education; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Emmitsburg joins Frederick County in going purple; standing together and conquering addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland do hereby proclaim the month of September as National Recovery Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to “go purple” to bring awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, and to celebrate those living in recovery.

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

  
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Donald N. Briggs  
Mayor

  
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Clifford L. Sweeney, President  
Board of Commissioners