



**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024
AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN ASHMORE, IL**

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation’s strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, the focus of National Recovery Month, this September is to celebrate all people that make the journey of recovery possible by embracing the 2024 theme, “We can and do recover.” Recovery Month spreads the message that people can and do recover every day; and

WHEREAS, through National Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders and people in need of recovery services are encouraged to seek help; and

WHEREAS, the National Recovery Month is held each year to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and


WHEREAS, the Coles County Recovery Oriented System of Care Council will host a Hobby Fair for National Recovery Month at the LifeSpan Center in Mattoon, IL on September 9th at 10am to 2pm. This Hobby Fair will highlight a variety of hobbies by local enthusiast so that people in recovery may find a new hobby. Everyone is welcome to come and see the highlighted hobbies. Be it known that “We can and do recover.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt Crail, Mayor of the Village of Ashmore in the County of Coles and State of Illinois do hereby Proclaim

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Further, let us acknowledge and support the people in our community who go unrecognized by raising awareness of the hidden impacts of substance use disorder, promoting that there are many pathways to recovery, and overcoming substance use disorder is courageous and harrowing. Let us also comprehend the significance of eliminating the stigmatization of substance use disorder.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Village of Ashmore this 27th day August, 2024.



Kurt Crail, Mayor


ATTEST: Jackie Freezeland, Clerk

