

1 [National Recovery Month - September 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 2025 as National Recovery Month in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Substance use disorder is a chronic, relapsing condition that affects  
7 countless individuals, families, and communities throughout San Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally as Recovery Month, honoring more  
9 than 21 million Americans in recovery, celebrating their resilience and contributions, and  
10 raising awareness of the importance of treatment and recovery services; and

11 WHEREAS, Recovery is possible, and many San Franciscans demonstrate that with  
12 access to treatment, peer support, housing, employment, and community acceptance,  
13 recovery can flourish; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to face a severe overdose crisis, particularly  
15 involving deadly overdoses from fentanyl; and

16 WHEREAS, “Recovery First” serves as the City’s guiding principle on drug policy,  
17 establishing long-term remission from substance use disorders and a healthy, self-directed life  
18 free of illicit drug use as San Francisco’s primary drug policy objective, affirming the need for  
19 fully funded evidence-based recovery and behavioral health services; and

20 WHEREAS, Initiatives including Treatment on Demand, Cash Not Drugs, Read to  
21 Recovery, and requirements for the availability of naloxone (Narcan) demonstrate San  
22 Francisco’s commitment to life-saving, evidence-based supports; and

23 WHEREAS, National Recovery Month, established in 1989, is observed each  
24 September to celebrate recovery achievements, highlight evidence-based strategies, and  
25 honor the strength of recovery communities and their service providers; and

1           WHEREAS, The 2025 theme — “Recovery is REAL (Restoring Every Aspect of Life)”  
2 — underscores that holistic recovery is possible when health, home, community, and purpose  
3 are supported through treatment, resources, and care; and

4           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that declaring September 2025 as  
5 Recovery Month provides an opportunity to honor the strength and resilience of individuals in  
6 recovery, support families and communities affected by addiction, and reaffirm San  
7 Francisco’s leadership in advancing compassionate, science-driven recovery policies; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
10 hereby declares September 2025 as National Recovery Month in San Francisco; and, be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to  
12 supporting programs, partnerships, and policies that promote recovery, expand access to  
13 treatment, and elevate the voices of people with lived experience in shaping solutions.

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