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NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department will join with Faces and Voices of Recovery and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) during the month of September to recognize **National Recovery Month**. These two national organizations are committed to organizing and mobilizing millions of Americans to change public perceptions of recovery and promote effective public policy. This year's theme is "**Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community.**" It highlights the importance of families, communities, and individuals sharing stories of recovery to encourage others to make personal connection with the recovery movement.

In recognition of **National Recovery Month**, The Frederick County Health Department will sponsor two recovery month events. On **September 6, 2018 between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**, the health department will host the **Recovery's Got Talent Show** at the Baker Park Bandshell show featuring live music, personal

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stories of recovery and more. **The 2nd Annual Recovery Kickball Tournament** will take place on **September 15, 2018 between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at Ballenger Creek Park. The health department will be partnering with Wells at Gale Recovery, Inc. and athletic teams from Hood College to execute this tournament. Both events are open to the community to communicate awareness about substance use disorders and mental health issues and show that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective and people recover from mental and/or substance use disorders.

These are opportunities for the Frederick community to join 100,000 people across the nation in coming together as one voice for **National Recovery Month**. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these two exciting activities! You can also show your support for recovery by participating in **Wear Purple Day on September 18, 2018**. Be sure to tag us that day on social media @FCHealthDept, #recoverymonth and let us know you are wearing your purple.

For additional information about **National Recovery Month** events hosted by the Frederick County Health Department or to learn more about local recovery services, please call Santita Prather at 301-600-3289 or send an e-mail to CORE@FrederickCountyMD.gov. For information about **National Recovery Month** visit www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org or www.recoverymonth.gov.

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