

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BRIEFING
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2018 AS GLOBAL PEER SUPPORT
AWARENESS MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2018 AS
GLOBAL PEER SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Global Peer Support Celebration Day occurs annually on the third Thursday in October when Peer Supporters from across the globe reflect on and celebrate the important role they play in helping those with mental health, addiction, and trauma-related challenges move along the continuum of recovery and inclusion into communities of their choosing; and

WHEREAS, Peer Supporters are trained providers who use their lived experience to encourage, engage, and support others with mental health, addiction, and trauma-related challenges, using the recovery model, the principles, and the values of peer support to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery; and

WHEREAS, in the belief that recovery is possible for all who experience mental health, addiction, and trauma-related challenges is fundamental to the practice of peer support, Peer Supporters empower and assist their peers to live a life of his or her choosing, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, peer support is an emerging best-practice; has proven to be a cost-effective treatment for mental health, addiction, and traumatic challenges; reduces inpatient hospital days, recidivism rates; and increases a peer's ability to access expensive and more restrictive community-based services; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Global Peer Support Awareness Month is to increase public awareness of the local role of peer supporters, the services they provide, their impact on lives of countless people within the health and human services industry, and their example of recovery in the places where these services are delivered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of October 2018 as Global Peer Support Awareness Month in Forsyth County.

Adopted this 4th day of October 2018.