

MEDINA COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

National Recovery Month recognized

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MEDINA — For the past 33 years, September has been recognized as National Recovery Month to not only celebrate those who are living in recovery but to educate others on the importance of substance abuse treatment and mental health services for those in need.

During their weekly meeting on Tuesday, the Medina County commissioners shared a proclamation in recognition of National Recovery Month, which Commissioner Steve Hambley read.

"The observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover," Hambley said.

The proclamation reads that the month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery just as people celebrate other health improvements made for those with health conditions like diabetes, asthma and heart disease.

Once the commissioners approved the proclamation, Hope Recovery Community Executive Director Stefanie Robinson, Sam Evans of Hope Recovery Community and ADAMH Board Executive Director Phillip Titterington came up to the podium to pose for a photo and talk about the importance of National Recovery Month.

Robinson thanked the commissioners for acknowledging National Recovery Month for those who are celebrating their recovery, which includes about 24 million Americans.

"We often see the other side of addiction and substance abuse disorders," Robinson said. "But, this month, we celebrate those that are in recovery."

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Medina County Commissioners Colleen Swedyk, Steve Hambley and Bill Hutson stand Tuesday with Hope Recovery Community Executive Director Stefanie Robinson, Sam Evans of Hope Recovery and ADAMH Board Executive Director Phillip Titterington to recognize National Recovery Month.

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Titterington emphasized the importance of the work organizations in the community have done for people in recovery, including Hope Recovery Community.

Titterington said the work done is made possible due to the human services levy that was passed in 2019.

This 1-mill, five-year levy not only supports the ADAMH Board but also provides funding to Medina County Jobs and Family Services and the Medina County Office for Older Adults.

"We appreciate the support the commissioners (give) to the community and especially those in recovery," Titterington said. "When you give them (and) provide them avenues and pathways — boy, they just blossom."

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