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National Recovery Month Observance on September 30, 2019

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – The Shelby County Health Department, the Shelby County Opioid Response Task Force, and the Memphis Area Prevention Coalition, in association with the City of Memphis Parks and Neighborhoods Commission, will host a National Recovery Month observance on Monday, September 30, 2019.

What: National Recovery Month Observance

When: September 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Winridge Park, 3500 Ridgeway Road, Memphis, TN 38115

Why: To recognize persons in recovery as well as individuals and agencies working in the field of recovery

The event is designed to increase awareness and understanding of substance misuse disorders and celebrate the people who recover. Speakers will include Health Department Director Alisa R. Haushalter and Jack Wyatt, Executive Director of the Memphis Area Prevention Coalition. Chaplain Julius Hawkins of the Shelby County Division of Corrections will deliver the invocation.

During the observance, the Health Department will recognize three individuals and three agencies nominated this month for their work in substance use disorder recovery. And the Memphis Area Prevention Coalition will provide Narcan and training on its use to anyone who would like to have this life-saving medication available. Narcan, when given as directed, can reverse opioid overdoses and save lives.

The evening will conclude with a candlelight vigil for those in recovery and to commemorate those who have lost their lives to substance misuse disorder during the past year.

The Shelby County Health Department urges anyone seeking help for substance use disorder to call the Tennessee Redline at 1-800-889-9789 for confidential information and referrals for treatment. For more information about opioids and Shelby County's Opioid Response Plan, please visit the Shelby Health Department website at [www. http://www.shelbytnhealth.com](http://www.shelbytnhealth.com).

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