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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**St. Johns County Recognizes National Recovery Month**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, September 19, 2023** – At the Sept. 19, 2023, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Vice- Chair Sarah S. Arnold presented a proclamation to representatives from Flagler OARS (Open Arms Recovery Center) recognizing September 2023 as National Recovery Month, encouraging relatives and friends of people with substance use and/or mental health conditions to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services.

To help more people achieve and sustain recovery, the Discover and Recover in St. Johns County invite all residents of St. Augustine to participate in National Recovery Month.

The focus of National Recovery Month this September is to celebrate the recovery journey with the theme “Recovery is for EVERYONE: Our **Lives**, Our **Families**, Our **Stories!**”

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*ATTACHMENT Photo (L to R): Nicholas Wilson, Vice Chair Sarah Arnold, Pam Birtolo, Hope Walton, Jonathan Crier, Tara Stanchich*

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