



Global Peer Supporter Celebration/Appreciation Day is... *A time when we reflect on and celebrate the important roles played by people with lived experience of mental health and addiction challenges in helping others on their journeys of recovery and inclusion into communities of their choice. Bill Beverley-Blanco, Lead Coordinator & iNAPS Board member. <https://inaops.org/global-peer-supporter-celebration-day/>*

**IN CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL PEER SUPPORT DAY
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!**

Location: Kiva Center
Address: 209 Shrewsbury Street
Worcester, MA
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Photo (optional) from the event will be posted on INAPS website



Come have a free lunch with us and find out what was learned at the Alternatives Conference in Boston this past August

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A Global Peer Support Celebration Proclamation

WHEREAS, the role of the peer support worker has been defined by SAMHSA the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as offering help based on shared understanding, respect, and mutual empowerment between people in similar situations; and

WHEREAS, peer supporters engage in a wide range of activities, including advocacy, connection to resources, sharing of their experiences, community- and relationship-building, group facilitation, skill building, health education and mentoring, individual goal setting and more; and

WHEREAS, the number of peer providers currently employed in the U.S. is 25,419; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated by 2020, peers will constitute 30 percent of the behavioral health workforce; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Peer Supporters (INAPS) has asked that the third Thursday in October be designated as Global Peer Supporter Celebration Day;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*I, Official Representative of this city, state, nation, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, to be **Global Peer Support Celebration Day** in this community, and encourage all our residents to recognize the value which peer supporters bring to the behavioral and general health workforce.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the [city, state, nation] to be affixed to this 20th Day of October, 2016.

