

RESOLUTION 043103

Cuyahoga County Commissioners Proclaiming the month of September 2004 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, the negative consequences related to the use of alcohol and other drugs represent a public health crisis for this nation.

WHEREAS, the consequences of alcoholism, chemical dependency and other drug addiction negatively effects the quality of life of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug use disorders are chronic but treatable diseases.

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment is a significant problem for persons with alcohol and other drug use disorders. Such barriers include failures to identify affected citizens and direct them to treatment, inadequate public and private insurance coverage for treatment services, and shrinking state budgets that limit funding for treatment services.

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to making a positive difference in our community.

WHEREAS, saluting citizens who are in recovery from alcohol and other drug use disorders, as well as those who have helped them obtain treatment, helps to overcome such barriers by educating the community about the benefits of treatment, and affirming the goal that all citizens with alcohol and other drug use disorders should have access to treatment services and a healthful environment.

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; the Office of National Drug Control Policy; the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services; and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County and its provider networks, along with the Union Construction Industry Partnership; Recovery Resources, Inc. (an affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence); Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention and Treatment; Compass House, Inc. of Lorain County; and the Northern Ohio Recovery Community, invite all citizens of Cuyahoga County to join in the celebration of the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims September 2004 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County. All citizens are encouraged to observe this year's theme "JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY...NOW!" by celebrating the planned activities and ceremonies and supporting the men, women, youth and families in treatment and recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Rick Werner, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, McCormack, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board

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