

RESOLUTION 073601

Board of County Commissioners proclaims the month of September 2007 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery.

WHEREAS, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent.

WHEREAS, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated.

WHEREAS, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance.

WHEREAS, cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education states that "prevention is the single most cost-effective response to alcohol and drug problems" and studies show that well-designed prevention efforts can save between \$7 and \$15 in future health, social and treatment costs for every dollar invested.

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are preventable and treatable, yet represent a serious healthcare problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars.

AND WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Cuyahoga County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Treatment Directors Association and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County invite all residents to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims the month of September 2007 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County and calls upon the people of Cuyahoga County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board

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