

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the month of September 2008 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members.

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's disease combined.

WHEREAS, people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally.

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery.

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community.

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community.

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 proclaim the month of September 2008 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: Real People; Real 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 Hagan, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Hagan, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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