

RESOLUTION

**Proclaiming the month of September 2009 as Alcohol and Drug
Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County: Join the Voices for
Recovery - Together We Learn, Together We Heal .**

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends.

WHEREAS, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007 and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness.

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction.

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families and our society.

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery.

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 and the Cuyahoga County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board invites all Greater Cleveland 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 2009 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 - Together We Learn, Together We Heal."

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 Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

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