

RESOLUTION 053301

Commissioners proclaim the month of September 2005 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem and as many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction .

WHEREAS, these disorders are chronic (but treatable) diseases, just as diabetes and heart disease are chronic medical conditions and with support and encouragement, people with substance use disorders can overcome the stigma and discrimination that are associated with addiction.

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment –and their family members to support services–is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible, treatment is effective, and that people in recovery can and do become gainfully employed, own homes and rejoin their families and their communities.

WHEREAS, recovery from substance use disorders is possible when people have the support and resources to get help at home, in the community and in the workplace.

WHEREAS, community members seeking treatment deserve rapid access to affordable, individualized treatment programs and other support services.

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment.

AND WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention and Treatment, the Ohio Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, the Union Construction Industry Partnership, the Mobile Medical Corporation and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County and its provider network 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 September 2005 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: Healing Lives, Families and Communities."

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.

Penelope M. Hughes
Clerk of the Board

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