

PROCLAMATION
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
September 2006

WHEREAS, Seventy-four percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol has had some impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was their own personal addiction, that of a friend or family member, or any other experience with addiction; and

WHEREAS, A sixty-three percent majority of Americans also say that addiction to either drugs or alcohol has had a great deal or some impact on their lives; and

WHEREAS, Stigma and discrimination present obstacles and can be a mark of disgrace to those with substance use disorders who need access to treatment facilities, and for those who want to reestablish their place in the community by entering the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Educating our community about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and all community members is essential to overcoming stigma and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, We must recognize the achievement of those who seek out treatment services and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

WHEREAS, Substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and we can take steps to address it and so build a stronger, healthier 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, and the Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse invite all residents of Troy to participate in ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims the Month of September 2006 as ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite **all Troy residents** to recognize and participate in its observance with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, ***"Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community."***

Proclaimed this 11th day of September 2006.