

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2008**

WHEREAS, As many as 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States are currently facing a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, Four million of those with a substance use disorder have made the courageous choice to seek out the treatment they need and embark on a path of recovery; and

WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer people a renewed outlook on life. These disorders also take a toll on the families of these individuals, as well as the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, It is critical to offer people and their families the treatment and recovery support they need for substance use disorders so they may lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and

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

WHEREAS, By educating our community members that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life of 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, 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 2008 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: Real People, Real Recovery."***

Signed this 8th day of September 2008.