

## Sample Proclamation 2

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of [your city or state here], I am pleased to join the [name of a participating substance abuse treatment organization] in celebrating September 2003 as **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** in [your city or state here]; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging September 2003 offers those involved in substance abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations, public officials, and civic leaders about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders and co-existing physical illnesses are major public health problems that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities, and have huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders can and do recover, and people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders deserve access to the services they need to recover; and

WHEREAS, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, co-occurring disorders, and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and [the name of a treatment organization in your community here] invite all residents of [your city or state] to participate in **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name and title of your elected official here], do hereby proclaim the month of September 2003 as

### ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***

in [name of your city or state here] and encourage all citizens to support this year's theme, **"Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health"** by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery, and their families.

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