

Proclamation



CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

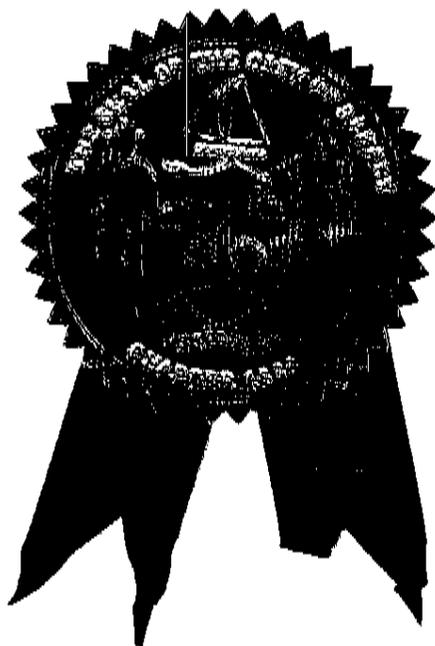
Office of the Mayor

- WHEREAS: 22.6 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and
- WHEREAS: Treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and
- WHEREAS: We must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and
- WHEREAS: Cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and
- WHEREAS: It is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem. By taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and money; and
- WHEREAS: To help achieve this goal, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, invite all citizens of the City of Albany, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to increase awareness and promote the benefits of recovery efforts by supporting **“National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.”**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as

“National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”

in Albany, New York, and urge our citizens, as well as visitors, to take note of this observance by supporting appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies embracing this year’s theme, **“Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.”**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Albany, New York to be affixed this 1st day of September, 2008.

Gerald D. Jennings
MAYOR