CITY OF CALISTOGA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alcoholism and drug dependency are chronic disorders with genetic, psychosocial and environmental factors influencing their development and manifestations; and

WHEREAS, prevention efforts can be effective in reducing the psychosocial and environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drugs are the third leading cause of death in the nation and untreated alcoholism and drug addiction cost the state's workplaces billions of dollars in lost productivity, absenteeism, and accidents every year; and

WHEREAS, untreated addiction contributes to unwanted pregnancy, school dropouts, suicide, crime, juvenile delinquency, dysfunctional families, poverty, joblessness, homelessness, ill health, mental illness, HIV infection, Hepatitis and other deadly infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery programs can reduce unnecessary state health care costs, reduce costs of lost productivity and increase state productivity by getting more workers into recovery, reduce the number of people in jails and prisons, reduce street and gang violence, reduce school dropout rates, reduce the cost of crime, the rate of recidivism, and the burden on law enforcement officials, and reduce the total financial drain on our economy, and improve the quality of life for individuals and for society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of individuals are living sober productive lives and paying taxes in this state and our community as a result of prevention, treatment or recovery services;

NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of the City of Calistoga, I, Mayor Jack Gingles, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month, to demonstrate our continued support and commitment to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, and encourage individuals and communities from throughout the State to participate in its activities.

Signed and sealed, this second day of September, in the year Two Thousand and Eight.

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JACK GINGLES, Mayor