

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 2008

Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use disorders effect 22.6 million people aged 12 and over or 9.6 percent of the population, which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's combined; and

WHEREAS, effective evidenced based treatment has led to long term recovery from substance use disorders and bought a renewed outlook on life for those in recovery and their families and friends; and.

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

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic health conditions, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

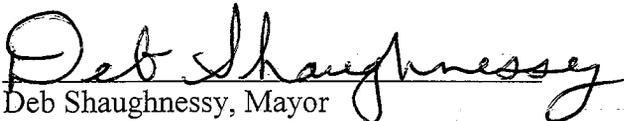
WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Eaton County Recovery Month Coalition invite all residents of the City of Charlotte to participate in NATIONAL Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month); and

Now, THEREFORE, I Deb Shaughnessy, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

In the City of Charlotte and call upon the people of Charlotte to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.


Deb Shaughnessy, Mayor