

# Proclamation



COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008 AS  
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; 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, people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can 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, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families and 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 diseases, 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 District 19 Community Services Board invite all residents of Colonial Heights to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

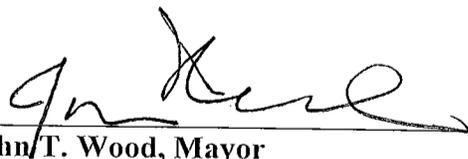
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John T. Wood, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as

*National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*

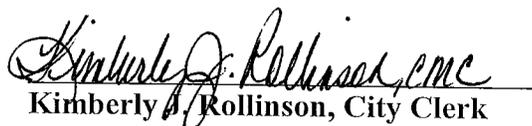
in Colonial Heights and call upon the people of our City to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.*"

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.



  
John T. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kimberly J. Rollinson, City Clerk