PROCLAMATION

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 (9.2% 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, invite all residents of the City of Englewood, Colorado to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month – September, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Englewood, Colorado, I am pleased to celebrate September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the City of Englewood, Colorado; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, James K. Woodward, Mayor of the City of Englewood, Colorado, hereby proclaim the month of **September 2008** as:

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Englewood, Colorado. I urge all of our residents to **"JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY: REAL PEOPLE, REAL RECOVERY"** by supporting men, women and youths who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 2nd day of September, 2008.

James K. Woodward, Mayor