



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

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 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: 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 a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Donald E. Patterson, Mayor of the City of Kettering, Ohio, on behalf of the community, do hereby by proclaim

SEPTEMBER 2008

to be

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Kettering, Ohio, and urge our citizens to observe this month with programs and activities supporting this years 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 Kettering, Ohio, to be affixed this 9th day of September in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eight.

DONALD E. PATTERSON
Mayor of the City of Kettering, Ohio

