

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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

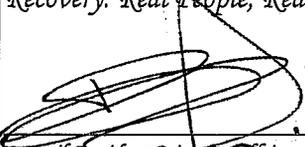
WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and

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

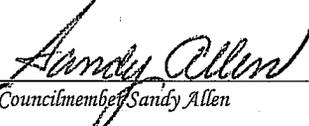
WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic health conditions, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

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 Lansing to participate in NATIONAL Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and encourage residents of the City of Lansing to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."


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