

City of St. Helena

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency are chronic disorders with genetic, psychosocial and environmental factors influencing their development and manifestations; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in ten individuals suffer from an alcohol or drug problem which in Napa County translates to about 12, 000 people; and

WHEREAS, 27% of 11th graders in St. Helena have binge drank within the previous 30 day period, 59% have been very drunk or sick from drinking; and

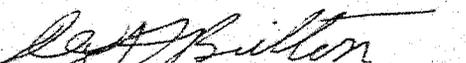
WHEREAS, Alcohol and drugs are the third leading cause of death in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Untreated addiction contributes to unwanted pregnancy, school dropouts, suicide, crime, juvenile delinquency, dysfunctional families, poverty, joblessness, homelessness, ill health, mental illness, HIV infection, Hepatitis and other deadly infectious diseases costing the state's workplaces billions of dollars in lost productivity, absenteeism, and accidents every year; and

WHEREAS, Treatment and Recovery Programs can reduce unnecessary state health care costs, hundreds of thousands of individuals are living sober productive lives and paying taxes in this state and our community as a result of prevention, treatment or recovery services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Delford Britton, Mayor of the City of St. Helena do proclaim September, 2008 as Recovery Happens Month, a supporting event of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery month, to demonstrate our continued support and commitment to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, and encourage individuals and communities from throughout the State to participate in its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of St. Helena to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2008.


Delford Britton, Mayor

