



"Enriching Lives"

# County of Los Angeles

## NATIONAL

# Alcohol & Drug

# Addiction Recovery

## MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2008

*Whereas*, 22.2 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 REDUCES JOB PROBLEMS, INCLUDING INCOMPLETE WORK AND ABSENTEEISM, BY AN AVERAGE OF 75 PERCENT, AND IS COST EFFECTIVE, WITH SOME MEASUREMENTS SHOWING A BENEFIT-TO-COST RATIO OF UP TO 7:1, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT COSTS \$1,583 PER PERSON ON AVERAGE, AND HAS A MONETARY BENEFIT TO SOCIETY OF NEARLY \$11,487 FOR EACH PERSON TREATED; AND

*Whereas*, IT IS CRITICAL THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE EDUCATED TO UNDERSTAND THAT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, WHILE A SERIOUS HEALTH CARE PROBLEM, ARE TREATABLE, AND BY TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE, AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, WILL SAVE LIVES AND DOLLARS;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved* THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 2008 AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH IN THE COUNTY, AND ALONG WITH: 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 LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECOVERY MONTH PLANNING PARTNERS, CALLS UPON RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND CEREMONIES SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S THEME, "JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY: SAVING LIVES, SAVING DOLLARS."

ADOPTED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 26, 2008



*Yvonne B. Borotta*  
Chair of the Board  
Supervisor, Second District

*John M. ...*  
Supervisor, First District

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Supervisor, Third District

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Supervisor, Fourth District

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Supervisor, Fifth District