

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Whereas, Substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States, which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's disease combined; and,

Whereas, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and for 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 the path to 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,

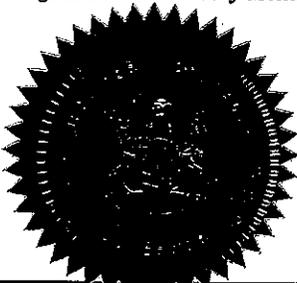
Whereas, Cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and,

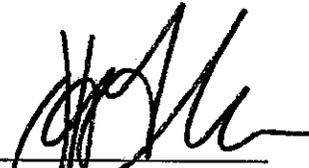
Whereas, We must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment and recovery services and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and,

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, and the Michigan Department of Community Health Office of Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Michigan to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and, now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor