

Proclamation

by Governor Joe Manchin III

Whereas, in the past 20 years, medical science has made great strides in learning about the biology of substance abuse and the nature of chemical addiction; and,

Whereas, treatment of addiction, a chronic illness that involves significant physical changes in brain function, is as effective as treatment for other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and,

Whereas, every day in every part of the United States, men, women and youth enter treatment for substance abuse and begin the road to recovery, while families seek hope and recovery in support programs and counseling; and,

Whereas, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the individuals who have engaged in successful treatment, families in recovery and those in the treatment field who dedicate their lives to helping people recover from addiction;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2008* as:

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in the Mountain State and encourage communities to support men, women and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

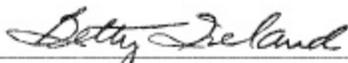
Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eight, and in the One Hundred Forty-sixth year of the State.




Joe Manchin III

Governor

By the Governor:


Betty Ireland

Secretary of State