Village of Alsip

Cook County, Illinois

Proclamation

WHEREAS, treatment and long–term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; 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 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 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 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 HumanServices, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Alsip, Illinois to participate in ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, PATRICK E. KITCHING, Mayor of the Village of Alsip, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Village of Alsip, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in the Village of Alsip, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme ,

"Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Village of Alsip, to be affixed this 25th day of August, 2008.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP CORPORATE SEAL COOK COUNTY, IL

Patrick E. Kitching

Mayor

Attest: Deborah Vinhuizen

Village Clerk