

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2009 AS  
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION  
RECOVERY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON

WHEREAS, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the theme in 2009 for the 20<sup>th</sup> Recovery Month observance is "**Join the Voices of Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal,**" and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; and

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society; and

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, 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 Right Road Recovery Programs, Inc., invite all residents of the City of Anderson to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* (Recovery Month).

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by drug and alcohol recovery programs, the Anderson City Council does hereby proclaim the month of **September 2009** as "**National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**" in the City of Anderson and encourages all citizens to join in the celebration of recovery through participation in events scheduled throughout the month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Corporate Seal of the City of  
Anderson to be affixed this 1st  
day of September 2009.

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Butch Schaefer, Mayor  
City of Anderson