



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

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;

WHEREAS, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness;

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;

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

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

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the City of Greenville, and local organizations such as the Eastern North Carolina Council on Substance Abuse, the Pitt County Substance Abuse Coalition, and Restart Power Inc. invite all residents of Greenville to participate in the 20th anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2009 as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in Greenville and call upon citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal."

This 5th day of August, 2009.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor