



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders;

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth;

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress;

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition;

WHEREAS, all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost;

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problem (2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health) we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

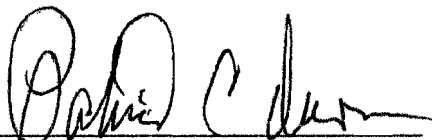
WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the 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 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, 2011 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, "Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover."

This 22nd day of August, 2011.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor