



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

WHEREAS, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and

WHEREAS, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

WHEREAS, cost and insurance present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; 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 taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and

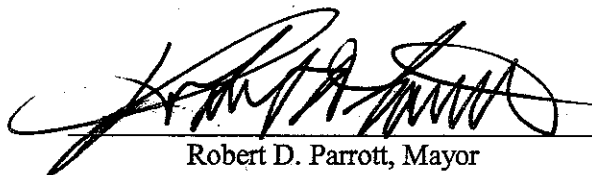
WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, City of Greenville, and Eastern North Carolina Council on Substance Abuse invite all residents of Greenville to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Parrott, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2007 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: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

This 17th day of August, 2007.



Robert D. Parrott, Mayor