



City of Santa Barbara

PROCLAMATION

National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2007

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, 77% of 7th graders, 56% of 9th graders and 42% of Santa Barbara 11th graders who participated in prevention activities reported that these activities helped them avoid drug use; and

WHEREAS, treatment reduced 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, to help achieve this goal, Santa Barbara's Fighting Back, Santa Barbara County Alcohol and Drug Program Providers, invite all residents of Santa Barbara to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (September); and

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as **NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** and call upon the people of Santa Barbara to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2007.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR



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