



PROCLAMATION

National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2009

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 for their family and friends; and

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; 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 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, to help achieve this goal, Santa Barbara's Fighting Back, the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara County Alcohol and Drug Program Providers, invite all residents of Santa Barbara to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September;

*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 2009 as **NATIONAL ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** and call upon the people of Santa Barbara to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting recovery in our community.*

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 15th day of September, 2009.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

