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Proclamation: Celebrating Recovery Month

PROCLAMATION
Celebrating Recovery Month
September 2008

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 seventy-five percent; and

WHEREAS, Cost and insurance barriers 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, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Home of New Vision invite all residents of Ann Arbor, Michigan to participate in Recovery Month..

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hiestje, Mayor, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as Recovery Month.

*I hereby set my hand and seal
This 2nd day of September 2008*

John Hieftje, Mayor