



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclamation – National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Report in Brief

The Department of Health and Human Services has asked that Cities throughout the Nation proclaim September 2008 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”, with the theme of “Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery”.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim September as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

Background

A national survey on drug use and health was conducted in 2006 and indicated that 9.2% of the population have a serious substance abuse problem within that past year. That information, while not entirely unexpected, was shocking in the magnitude. The Department of Health and Human Services has spearheaded, along with many other organizations, the continuing efforts to apprise people of this magnitude and to take steps to increase the knowledge of citizens regarding this issue.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim September as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2008

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on the life for those who are addicted and their family members; and,

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and,

WHEREAS, people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and,

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and,

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical that we education our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and,

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goals, 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 State and local organizations participate in the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim the month of September, 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Adopted this 2nd day of September 2008.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member