

**September 6, 2011  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No.**

**RE: PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2011 AS “ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH”**

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse disorders are a serious and treatable health problem;  
and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States are currently facing a substance use disorder according to the latest national figures; and

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

**WHEREAS**, assessing our citizens’ needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment and their family members to support services is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

**WHEREAS**, Manassas Park Governing Body recognizes that by opening dialogue about the harmful effects of alcohol and drug addiction on families, friends, and communities, we can provide hope, healing, and better support those struggling with substance use disorders as they embark on a successful journey of sustained recovery;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Manassas Park Governing Body does hereby proclaim September 2011 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**Vote:**

Ayes—

Nays—

Absent During Vote—

Absent From Meeting--



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**TO:** Members, Manassas Park Governing Body

**FROM:** Tom Geib, Executive Director  
Community Services Board

**THRU:** James Zumwalt  
City Manager

**RE:** Proclaim September 2011 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

**I. Background** in chronological order is as follows:

- A. Annual Observance – This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the observance of September as the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This annual observance is one way to reach the American public with the message that treatment is effective and recovery is possible.
- B. Purpose of Observation – This year’s observance entitled “Join the Voices for Recovery: “Recovery Benefits Everyone” is to emphasize the need to use all available resources, in our communities to educate people about the disease and to help those with substance use disorders, and those close to them, get support. By opening a dialogue about the harmful effects of alcohol and drug addiction on families, friends, and communities, we can provide hope, healing, and better support those struggling with substance use disorders as they embark on a successful journey of sustained recovery.
- C. Community Event – Thursday, September 29, 2010, Community Services New Horizons Program will sponsor an evening of recovery through expression of art, music, poetry, and story. The event is open to the public and will be held at the Java Rocks, Manassas Baptist Church (old Marsteller School), 8730 Sudley Road in Manassas from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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- II. Current Situation** is that the Community Services Board has authorized staff to request the Manassas Park Governing Body proclaim September 2011 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
- III. Recommendation** is that the Manassas Park Governing Body proclaim September 2011 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

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