

**City of Kenmore, Washington
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life, including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problem (*2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*), and we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the **City of Kenmore, Washington** invite all residents of **Kenmore** to participate in ***National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)***; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore in the State of Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2011, as:

***National Recovery Month:
Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 12th day of September, 2011.



Signed *David Baker*
David Baker, Mayor

Attested *Lynn Suskin*
Lynn Suskin, City Clerk