

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of overall wellness, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can - and do - recover from substance use and mental disorders; and all people have the right 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; opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate all 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 of 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 needed care at a more reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems and it is important to 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 Seattle invite all residents of to participate in National Recovery Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor, hereby recognize September 2011 as

National Recovery Month

And urge all to know that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover and further urge all to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone."



Michael McGinn
Mayor