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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, 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, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of the City of Des Moines to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Des Moines City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as:

National Recovery Month

Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover in Des Moines and call upon the people of Des Moines to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.

Signed this 4th day of September, 2012.

Dave Kaplan

Dave Kaplan, Mayor