Mayor's 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, 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 and we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter B. Lewis, Mayor of the City of Auburn, do hereby proclaim September 2012 to be

National Recovery Month

in the city of Auburn and I encourage all citizens to join me in support of this observance and message that ***Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective and People do Recover.***

DATED this 20th day of August, 2012

CITY OF AUBURN

Peter B. Lewis, Mayor

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