King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and income levels, and across all communities; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

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

WHEREAS, to build greater understanding of mental illness and substance use and to help encourage people to seek treatment toward a path to recovery, King County is pleased to join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in participating in National Recovery Month and embracing this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 to be

Recovery Month

in King County and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing and celebrating the message that Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover.

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