

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY
MONTH**

WHEREAS, 74% of Americans say that addiction to alcohol has had some impact on them at some point in their lives; and stigma and discrimination present obstacles and can be a mark of disgrace to those with substance use disorders who need access to treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic illness that involves significant physical changes in brain function, research shows addiction treatment is as effective as treatment for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, educating our community about how substance use disorders affect children, families and all community members is essential to overcoming stigma and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Mason County is committed to improving citizens' access to treatment programs for alcohol and drug use disorders and the prevention of the disease itself. In our community alone, more than 14% of Mason County residents who qualify for publicly funded services are in need of chemical dependency treatment.

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, Federal, State, and local governments invite all residents of Mason County to support National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Mason County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2006 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in Mason County and call upon the people of this County to observe this month by supporting this year's theme, "***Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community.***"

DATED this 5th day of September, 2006.

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