

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**FROM:** Raina Randall, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**DATE:** September 7, 2010

**SUBJECT:** PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming the Month of September National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Read and Approve Proclamation re: The Month of September National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

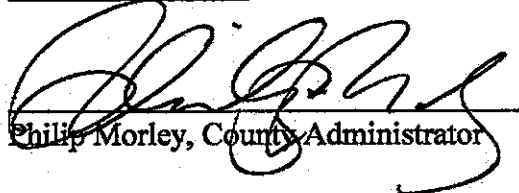
**ANALYSIS:**

Fran Joswich, Chairman of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board, has requested that the BOCC approve and read the proclamation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the Month of September National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

9/2/10  
Date

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, it is important to recognize the achievements of those who seek treatment services, celebrate their successes and find help for those still in need; and

**Whereas**, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and

**Whereas**, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and

**Whereas**, people who received treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally and studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and

**Whereas**, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community and it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are serious health care problems, but treatable and by treating them like other chronic disease we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

**Whereas**, to help achieve this goal, 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, the Jefferson County Substance Abuse Advisory Board, The Jefferson County Community Network, and the Jefferson County Public Health Department invite all residents of Jefferson County to support our community treatment programs and individuals in recovery; and

**Now, therefore, be it proclaimed**, by the Jefferson County Commissioners, the month of September 2010 as

## ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***

in Jefferson County and call upon the people of Jefferson County to join us in observing this occasion.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
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David Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Lorna Delaney, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

John Austin, Member