

**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 12, 2011

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;
September of 2011

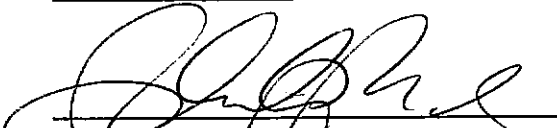
STATEMENT OF ISSUE:


Kelly Matlock, Jefferson County Public Health requested this proclamation on behalf of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Read and approve the attached proclamation.

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator


Date

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, prevention efforts work, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use disorders 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 essential for the 22.5 million people aged 12 or older who currently suffer from a substance use disorder and the 45.1 million adults aged 18 or older living with a mental health problem in our country, to realize that recovery is possible to improve overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders and mental disorders are serious public health problems making it critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that prevention efforts work, that these 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, all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, to support prevention efforts, and to support more people seeking treatment and achieving long-term recovery, and to learn how recovery positively benefits our community'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, 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 prevention and treatment programs and individuals in recovery; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Jefferson County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 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 12th day of September, 2011.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Austin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Raina Randall
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member