



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 63% of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction; and

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment – and their family members to support services – is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families, and our communities are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Friends of Recovery NH; the Belknap County Addictions Task Force; the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families; and members of the Belknap County Commission invite all residents of Belknap County to participate in ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of Belknap County, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2005 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in Belknap County, State of New Hampshire, and call upon the people of Belknap County to REMOVE THE STIGMA associated with the DISEASE of addiction and to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join The Voices For Recovery: Healing Lives, Families, and Communities*"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this first day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

Phillip P Daigneault

Chairperson, County Commission

Christopher D. Boothby
Commissioner

Gordon E. Bartlett
Commissioner