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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; and

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families and our society; and

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, 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 invite all residents of Bainbridge Island to participate in the 20th anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Snow, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Bainbridge Island do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in Bainbridge Island, and call upon the people of Bainbridge Island to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "***Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal.***"

SIGNED this 20th day of August, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Snow".

Christopher Snow, Mayor