



### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment reduces report job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and

**WHEREAS**, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, cost and insurance present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatment, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, to help achieve this goal, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and Washington State Alcohol and Drug Clearinghouse invite all residents of Bainbridge Island to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Month; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Darlene Kordonowy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, do hereby proclaim September, 2007

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

in Bainbridge Island, Washington and call upon the residents of Bainbridge Island, Washington to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars.*"



**SIGNED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007

Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor