

Proclamation

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH September 2009

- 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 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, where 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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board of Contra Costa County, Support 4 Recovery, The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition, the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Division, the California-Nevada Conference of The United Methodist Church, and the Martinez United Methodist Church join together to participate in and to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob Schroder, Mayor of the City of Martinez, do hereby call upon the people of the City of Martinez to observe this month with appropriate programs, and do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2009, in the City of Martinez, as:

"National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Martinez to be affixed hereto this 2nd day of September, 2009.

Rob Schroder
Mayor