

NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
September, 2007

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 reported 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 barriers 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 treatable, 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 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, and the New River Community Services Board invite all residents of Pulaski County, Virginia to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September, 2007; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors,, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of Pulaski County, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2007 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Pulaski County and call upon the people of Pulaski County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of August, 2007, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

/signed by:
Gena T. Hanks, Clerk
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors