

# Proclamation

## National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2008

**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 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, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; invite all residents of Tigard to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Mayor Craig Dirksen of the City of Tigard, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as

### **NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

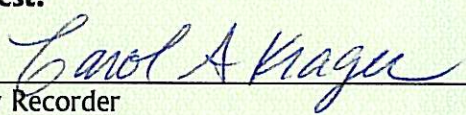
in Tigard and call upon the community to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People. Real Recovery."

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.

  
Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor  
City of Tigard

**Attest:**

  
City Recorder