

# PROCLAMATION

## National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

**WHEREAS**, in the past 20 years medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

**WHEREAS**, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs. It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$276 billion a year. Clearly, the toll substance abuse takes on the family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable. But recover is possible. Every day in every part of the United States, men, women, and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery and families seek hope and recovery in support programs and counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recover, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to addiction treatment and recovery and those they directly or indirectly impact. It embraces the theme *We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community*; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment invite all residents of the City of Tigard to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*,

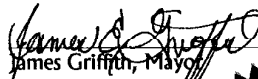
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Mayor James Griffith of the City of Tigard, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2001 as

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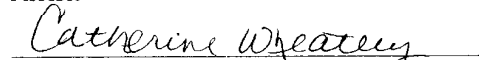
in Tigard, Oregon and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

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

  
James Griffith, Mayor  
City of Tigard

Attest:

  
Catherine Wreathery  
City Recorder

