

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City & Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2010

- WHEREAS,** substance use disorders impact an estimated 28,000 Alaskan adults and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and
- WHEREAS,** people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious, health care problems and that by treating them like other chronic diseases we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; 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 City and Borough of Sitka invite all residents of Alaska to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Scott McAdams, Mayor of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 2010, as **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** and call upon the people of Sitka to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal.*"

Signed and sealed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.



Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson  
Deputy Clerk

