"Declaring the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"

Chief Frank Hauptmann was presented with a City of Maywood Proclamation that declared the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, at the Maywood City Council meeting on September 8, 2009.

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PROCLAMATION

"DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH"

WHEREAS, substance addiction is a brain disease, with each type of drug changing how the brain functions in a specific way and thus having a powerful influence on all aspects of a person's behavior, where substance use can go from voluntary to compulsive – making alcohol or drugs the greatest motivator in a person's existence;

WHEREAS, substance abuse 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, the numbers of adults who report binge drinking in SPA 7 of LA County is 18.5% (the highest of any county region) and that the numbers of adults who view methamphetamines as a serious issue in SPA 7 is 81.1% for SPA 7 (based on a 2007 county survey); and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an 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, a 2000 study by Kaiser Permanente demonstrated that addiction treatment reduced overall medical costs by 26%, inpatient costs by 35%, and emergency room costs by 39%; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost savings in Los Angeles County from reduced emergency room, medical, mental health, criminal justice, and child welfare costs that were likely realized in 2007-08 through the existing substance abuse treatment network have been calculated at approximately $28 million, demonstrating the enormous benefit the county receives for each dollar paid for substance abuse treatment services; and

WHEREAS, community education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving support for long-term recovery; and

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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, the SPA 7 Recovery Month Planning Committee, and the City of Maywood invites all residents of Service Planning Area 7 City of Maywood to participate in the 20th anniversary of **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** (Recovery Month); and

WHEREAS, the SPA 7 Recovery Month Planning Committee has scheduled an Recovery Rally Event to "Celebrate and Support Recovery" on Thursday September 10, 2009 at Mulberry Park in South Whittier from 11 am to 2 pm, with free food, booths, and speakers, to which the community is invited;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Veronica Guardado, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Maywood, California do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in Maywood and call upon the people of the City of Maywood to observe this month by supporting the SPA 7 Celebrate Recovery Rally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of September, in the year of Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

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Mayor, Veronica Guardado