CITY OF WEST LINN, OREGON

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2007

WHEREAS, 88,000 people in Oregon have faced a substance abuse disorder in the past year and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

WHEREAS, Oregon rates higher in percentage than the national averages as follows:

- Addicted persons 12-25: Oregon 24%, US 19.8%
- Addicted persons 26 or older: Oregon 6.9%, US 5.7%
- Persons 12 or older using non-medical pain relievers: Oregon 5.7%, US 4.8%
- Persons 18-25 using non-medical pain relievers: Oregon 14.3%, US 13.8%; and

WHEREAS, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism by an average of 75%; and

WHEREAS, treatment is cost-effective, with some measurements showing benefit-to-cost ratio as high as 7:1; 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 lack of 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 abuse disorders are a treatable, yet serious health problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as providing 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 Service Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the West Linn City Council invite all West Linn residents to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Linn proclaims September 2007 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and supports this year's theme of "Join the Voices of Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

Proclaimed this 24h day of September 2007.

Norman B King

Norman B. King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy L. Davis