

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., Sept. 19, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
(305 289-6000)

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation declaring the month of September 2007 as National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

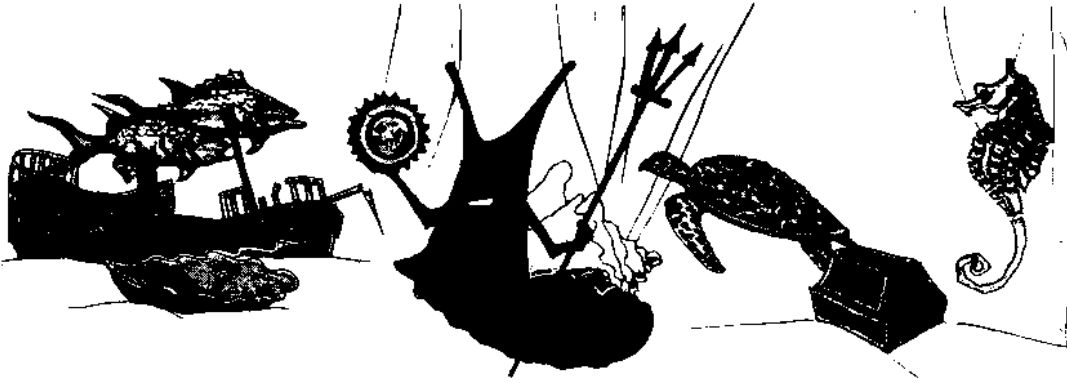
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____



Mayor's Proclamation

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, as many as 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year according to the national figures and they deserve to experience the many benefits of treatment; and,

WHEREAS, treatment for substance use disorders has a large and meaningful impact in our community. Research shows that substance use disorders are medical conditions that can be effectively treated, just as many illnesses are treatable. Treatments for drug use disorders are just as effective as treatments for other chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, asthma, and diabetes.

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our community members and local businesses about the substantial benefits that investing in treatment can have. It is also important to recognize that millions of children live with at least one parent who has a substance use disorder.

WHEREAS, we need to recognize the achievements of those who seek treatment services and celebrate their successes. Furthermore we have to ensure that treatment services are readily available to those who need them. By raising awareness that substance use disorders can be treated just as any chronic disease is treatable, community members will provide a more supportive and productive environment. Breaking down the barriers to treatment will facilitate the recovery process for those who need treatment and will benefit our community.

WHEREAS, for the above reasons we are asking all citizens of Monroe County to join us in celebrating this September as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month," encouraging us all to learn how to help those suffering from substance use disorders to receive treatment so they can contribute to our community.

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 County of Monroe, Florida welcome your participation in *Recovery Month*.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in us, we the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of September as:

"National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"

in the County of Monroe, Florida and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of recovery from substance use disorders and to support community treatment programs.

Dated this day the 19th of September, 2007

Mario Di Gennaro

Mario Di Gennaro, Mayor
Monroe County, Florida

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Re: Recovery Month Proclamation for BOCC

Ms. Lundstrom,

I would like to take this opportunity to request a proclamation from the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners. This request, being made on behalf of the Guidance Clinic of the Middle Keys and the Care Center for Mental Health, is requesting that September be proclaimed "Recovery Month".

The exact language of the proclamation has been forwarded to your attention through Deb Barsell's office. We would like to request the proclamation be added to the September BOCC agenda. Thank you, Ms. Lundstrom and thank you to Mayor Di Gennaro for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sean M. Furey
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