



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a public health concern that affects Missourians of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds and regions; and

WHEREAS, alcoholism and drug addiction affects not only an individual, but their children, families, schools, employers and communities as well; and

WHEREAS, the economic burden of substance abuse on state government is projected to be \$1.3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, there are many paths to recovery, and with the help of modern, science-based treatment, individuals with severe substance abuse disorders can recover and lead productive lives, fulfill their personal and social obligations and become assets to a safe society; and

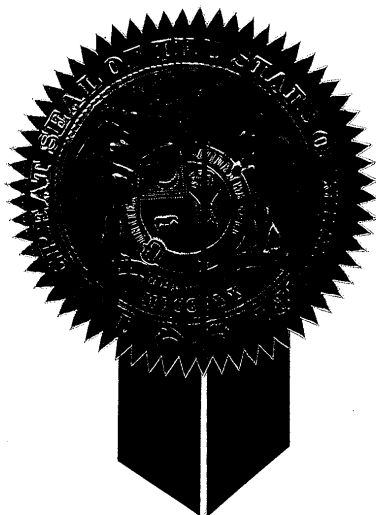
WHEREAS, the alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery-support providers in the state of Missouri have a proud history of service, innovation and dedication to the recovery process.

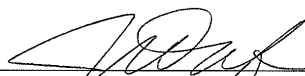
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 to be

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

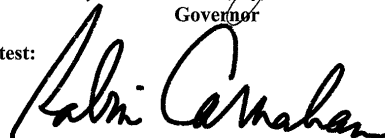
in Missouri and urge all citizens to support this year's theme, "Together We Learn, Together We Heal," by supporting those in substance abuse treatment and recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 2nd day of September, 2009.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State