



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**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**, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2% of the population); 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; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of September 2008 to be

### **NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

in the City of Bellingham, Washington, and call upon the citizens of Bellingham to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices of Recover: Real People, Real Recovery."

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2008.

Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham