

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery from substance abuse disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and
- WHEREAS, Substance abuse disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's disease combined; and
- WHEREAS, People who receive treatment for substance abuse 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, Real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and
- WHEREAS, It is critical that we educate our community members that substance abuse disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and
- WHEREAS, To help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

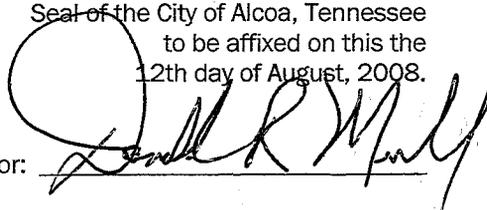
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD R. MULL, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of the City of Alcoa, do hereby officially proclaim the month of September 2008 as

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Alcoa and call upon all residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.*"

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the
Seal of the City of Alcoa, Tennessee
to be affixed on this the
12th day of August, 2008.

Mayor:



Attest:



City Recorder