

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

- WHEREAS, substance abuse is a major public health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities, and which has a huge medical, societal and economic cost; and
- WHEREAS, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues; and
- WHEREAS, substance abuse is a treatable disease and treatment of addiction is as successful as the treatment of other chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse celebrates September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month; and
- WHEREAS, acknowledging September 2008 offers advocates of substance abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as **ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to support this year's theme - "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People. Real Recovery" - by supporting men, women and youth who are in alcohol and other drug addiction treatment and recovery.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this THIRD *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
EIGHT, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETIETH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Rod Blagojevich
GOVERNOR