

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

ITEM NO. 6.

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 8, 2009

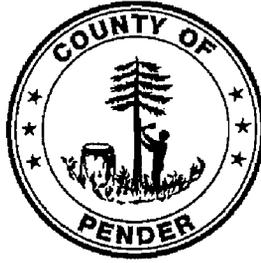
**REQUESTED BY:** Mandy Anderson-Ille, Wilmington Treatment Center

**SHORT TITLE:** Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: Designate the Month of September as 2009 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

**BACKGROUND:** The Wilmington Treatment Center and other local and national groups want to educate community members and local businesses about substance disorders and treatment alternatives.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** Review and approve the proclamation.

County of Pender



***NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH 2009***

*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 percent of the population), 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 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*, 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 use 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, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Cape Fear Recovery Month Committee, Coastal Horizons, Wilmington Treatment Center and the area Recovery Community invite all residents of Pender County, North Carolina to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month)*;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENDER COUNTY*** that the month of September, 2009 is officially designated as *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* in Pender County, and call upon the people of Pender County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.*"

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board