

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 3.

DATE OF MEETING: September 7, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Elizabeth Pina, Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners and Presentation to Members of Southeastern Mental Health Center/Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.: Designate the Month of September as 2010 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

BACKGROUND: The proclamation has been requested to be approved and presented by Ms. Pina in conjunction with Southeastern Mental Health Center.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board is requested to review, approve and present the proclamation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached proclamation to approve the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 2010 is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

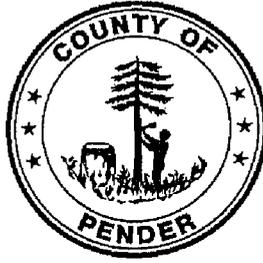
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APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS _____

YEA VOTES: Tate ___ Blanchard ___ Brown ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman 9/7/10
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NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH 2010

WHEREAS, recovery from substance use disorders is possible through a variety of treatment resources and recovery support programs; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy, and productive lives in recovery; and

WHEREAS, stress can contribute to substance use disorders, and finding a positive outlet for dealing with stress is crucial as people continue to face stressful situations in their lives; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of Americans reported that their stress levels had increased in 2008, with as many as 30 percent rating their stress levels as extreme (American Psychological Association, Executive Report, October 7, 2008); and

WHEREAS, in 2008, an estimated 23.1 million people of every age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status needed treatment for substance dependence or abuse in the United States (2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health); and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and our community must take steps to address it; and

WHEREAS, educating our community about how substance use disorders affect all people in the community, including public safety officials, the workforce, older adults, and families, therefore is essential to combat misconceptions associated with addiction; and

WHEREAS, to help more people enter a path of recovery, 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 Center, 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.***"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENDER COUNTY that the month of September, 2010 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: NOW MORE THAN EVER.***"

This 7th day of September, 2010.

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board