PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

DATE OF MEETING: September 4, 2012

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

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners and Presentation to Members of Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.: Designate the Month of September as 2012 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: To consider a proclamation to designate the Month of September as 2012 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month. A proclamation is provided for presentation to Ms. Pina.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

Initial

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 2012 is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED_____ SECONDED_____

APPROVED_____ DENIED _____UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

_____ 9/4/12
George R. Brown, Chairman Date

_____ 9/4/12
ATTEST Date

PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH 2012

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental health disorders are serious public health problems, and in 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problem ***(2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health)***, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), invite all residents of **Pender County, North Carolina** to participate in ***National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)***; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENDER COUNTY that the month of September, 2012 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: It's Worth IT."***

This 4th day of September, 2012.

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George R. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Mickey Duvall, Clerk to the Board