



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1

DATE OF MEETING: September 2, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Member Communication Specialist Kate Murphy, 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 2014 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

BACKGROUND: The proclamation has been requested to be approved and presented by Ms. Pina in conjunction with CoastalCare.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a proclamation to designate the Month of September as 2014 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month. A proclamation is provided for presentation to Ms. Murphy.

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 2014 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: Williams ___ McCoy ___ Brown ___ Tate ___ Ward ___

J. David Williams, Chairman 9/2/14
Date

ATTEST 9/2/14
Date



***PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH***

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, and effective treatment can help people recover; and

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 people are in recovery in North Carolina and 23,000,000 people are in recovery across the nation; and

WHEREAS, community-based services that respond to the needs of the individual and family are cost-effective and beneficial; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers save \$7 for every \$1 spent on treatment and \$5.60 for every \$1 spend on prevention, as a result of increased productivity, and reduced healthcare, criminal justice, and social service costs; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental and substance use disorders lead to more deaths than traffic accidents, HIV/AIDS, and breast cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, recognition is due to those who have achieved long-term recovery, as is sharing with others how recovery can positively benefit one's life; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month is observed every September nationwide by advocacy organizations to raise awareness and understanding of issues related to substance use and mental health disorders, and to eliminate the stigma associated with seeking substance use and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, all are invited to celebrate National Recovery Month with the Cape Fear Recovery Month Committee on Sunday, September 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wilmington with local speakers, food, live music and information booths to spread the positive message that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Pender County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2014, as **Recovery Month** in Pender County and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Pender County to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and the need for accessible services for all people.

This 2nd day of September, 2014.

Attest:

J. David Williams, Chairman

Robert M. Murphy, Clerk to the Board