



# PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month September 2009

- WHEREAS:** Treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; and
- WHEREAS:** 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; and
- WHEREAS:** Studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; and
- WHEREAS:** Resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society. Such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** To help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Crossroads at Croydon Hall, and the Middletown Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse invite all Middletown residents to participate in the 20th anniversary of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and the Alliance's annual Community Rally to be held at Middletown Day, September 26, 2009. Now
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim on August 17, 2009 that September 2009 is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Middletown, New Jersey and call upon the people of Middletown to observe this month supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal."

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Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill