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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 all Americans polled reported that their stress level had increased over the past year, with as many as 30 percent rating their stress level as extreme, according to the American Psychological Association, Executive Report of October, 2009; 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 and substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious, healthcare problem and our community must take steps to address it; and

WHEREAS, educating our community about how substance disorders affect all people in our community, including public safety officials, the workforce, older adults and families 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, IRETA and the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, invite all residents of the City of Pittsburgh to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, commends IRETA for all they do to provide information, technical assistance and educational resources to policy makers, providers, educators, consumers and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, declare September to be National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the City of Pittsburgh and encourages all citizens to support this year's theme Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More than Ever throughout the rest of the year and beyond.