

PROCLAMATION

Designation of September 2012 as National Recovery Month

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

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the *2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

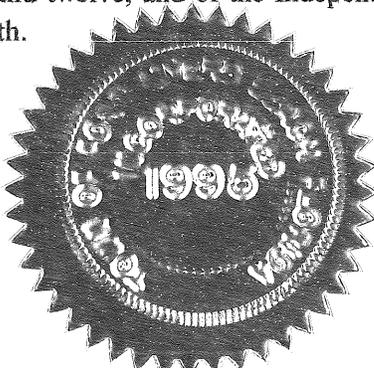
WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida invite all residents of Fort Myers Beach, Florida to participate in **National Recovery Month**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Larry Kiker, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as

National Recovery Month

In Fort Myers Beach, Florida and call upon the people of the Town of Fort Myers Beach to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.**"

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two-hundred and thirty-seventh.



Larry Kiker, Mayor