

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION FROM THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, HONORING 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, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2013, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received substance use treatment at a specialty facility and 34.6 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2013 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, thousands of people in Seattle are affected by these conditions; and

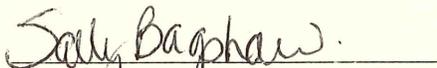
WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and City of Seattle invite all residents of Seattle to participate in *National Recovery Month (September)*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF SEATTLE DO HEREBY
HONOR AND CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER 2015, THE

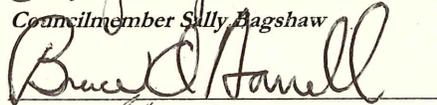
National Recovery Month in Seattle



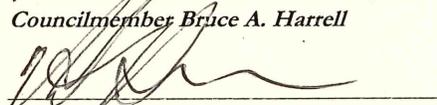
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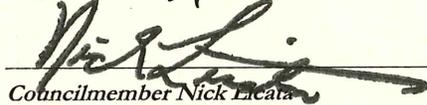
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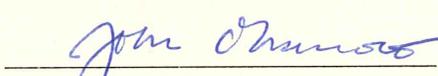
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