

Sample Proclamation #2 – October as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness” Month

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription medications is a growing public health concern; and

WHEREAS, every day, more than 2,500 teenagers abuse prescription medication for the first time; and

WHEREAS, most teens obtain medications they take from friends and family; and

WHEREAS, many young people mistakenly think that it is safer to misuse prescription medications than illegal street drugs; and

WHEREAS, parents often are unaware that young people are abusing prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

WHEREAS these medications have a legitimate medical use when used properly under the doctor’s supervision, but misuse of these medications can lead to addiction, overdose and even death; and

WHEREAS it is time for officials at the federal, state and local level to call attention to this problem and help parents and families curb the abuse of prescription medications

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name and title of your elected official], by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of **[city, state, or locality]**, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

Medicine Abuse Awareness Month

in **[city or state]** and call upon the people of **[city or state]** to observe this month with appropriate programs, and activities promoting the safeguarding and proper disposal of medications in the home.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **[day of the month]** day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

Signature
[Insert City/State or Other Official Seal]