

**Sample Proclamation #1 – September as *National Recovery 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 September 2010 as

***National Recovery 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 September, 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.

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Signature

**[Insert City/State or Other Official Seal]**