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PROCLAMATION
Medicine Abuse Awareness Month
October, 2012

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 levels to call attention to this problem and help parents and families curb the abuse of prescription medications.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, do proclaim October 2012, as Medicine Abuse Awareness Month in the Village of Orland Park and encourage the safeguarding and proper disposal of medications in the home..

DATED THIS 14th Day of August, 2012.

Signed:

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor