

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**  
***Declaring September, 2016***  
***Substance Awareness Recovery Month***

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse disrupts families, schools, communities and destroys relationships and stands in the way of academic achievement and success of young people across our country; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, thousands of young Americans try drugs or alcohol for the first time and this decision will have a profound impact on their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing substance use before it begins is the most effective way to eliminate the damage caused by drugs and the abuse of alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, substance use effects everyone and each of us can play a part in helping the next generation make choices that support physical, mental, behavioral, and emotional health; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, mentors and community members can model a healthy lifestyle and should talk with kids early and often about the dangers of drug and alcohol use; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize all those who work in substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support services so that all children have an opportunity to pursue happy, fulfilling and productive lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park**, do hereby proclaim September, 2016 as ***Substance Awareness Recovery Month*** in the Village of Orland Park and urge everyone to promote comprehensive substance awareness, prevention, treatment and recovery efforts.

***DATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.***

***Signed:***

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***Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor***