

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 5th day of September, 2016.

Signed:

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor