MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problem ***(2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health)***, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and The Mayor of the City Of Pacific invites all residents of The City of Pacific to participate in ***National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)***; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Richard Hildreth, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Pacific, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 as ***National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover*** In the City of Pacific and call upon the people of the City of Pacific to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "***Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone.***"

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th,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-sixth.

Richard Hildreth, Mayor