

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Concern for Alcoholism opened its doors in Elgin on February 6th, 1961, and was later renamed Renz Addiction Counseling Center in 1986 after its founding Executive Director, Jim Renz; and

WHEREAS, Renz Addiction Counseling Center offers treatment for alcohol/drug abuse and compulsive gambling, in addition to alcohol, drugs and HIV prevention education. In 2010, Renz Center's Clinical Program treated nearly 1,000 area residents, performing over 28,540 hours of treatment services. Through the Center's Prevention programs, 1,820 children and adolescents received alcohol, drug and tobacco prevention education services, while 1,876 individuals received HIV/AIDS prevention education, testing and risk reduction counseling; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Renz Addiction Counseling Center opened a treatment office in the Village of Streamwood, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Renz Addiction Counseling Center opened Passage in 1977, now the oldest outpatient women's treatment program in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and our community must take steps to address it; and

WHEREAS, one in four U.S. deaths can be attributed to alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drug use; and

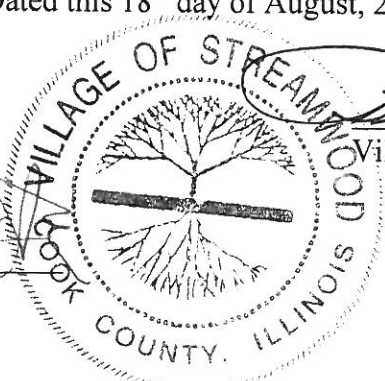
WHEREAS, children from families with substance-abusing parents are more likely to have problems with delinquency, poor school performance, and emotional difficulties than their peers from homes without substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse cost the American economy an estimated \$276 billion dollars per year in lost productivity, health care expenditures, crime, motor vehicle crashes and other conditions; and

WHEREAS, one in every thirteen adults abuse alcohol or are alcoholic; and 8.7 percent of the population 12 years or older are current illicit drug users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Streamwood, Cook County, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as **RENZ ADDICTION COUNSELING CENTER MONTH** and call upon its citizens, businesses, workplaces, and schools in the Village of Streamwood to support efforts for the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse in our community.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2011



Richard S. Koch
Village President

ATTEST:
Michelle Lopez
Village Clerk