



City of Salisbury

North Carolina

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, each day there are far too many Americans hurt by alcohol and drug abuse causing diminished achievement in schools, greater risks on our roads and in our communities, and potential heartache of lives tragically cut short; and

WHEREAS, we can work together to provide children with the opportunity to pursue happy, fulfilling, and productive lives by preventing substance use before it begins; and

WHEREAS, adult role models play an integral part in preventing youth substance abuse and must lead by example, adopt positive behaviors, and talk to children about living substance-free; and

WHEREAS, this month, we stand with local coalitions and community organizations as they advance their drive to keep young people, families, and our Salisbury community free from drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, substance use affects everyone, and each of us can play a part in helping the next generation make choices that support physical, mental, behavioral and emotional health. Parents, mentors, and community members can model a healthy lifestyle and should talk with children early and often about the dangers of drug and alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, we have invested in outreach programs that empower young adults with the facts about substance abuse, and we have worked to stem the tide of prescription drug abuse through education, monitoring, proper disposal, and enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen K. Alexander, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October 2022 as

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Salisbury, and urge all citizens to participate in preventing and ending substance abuse. We also recognize all those who work to prevent substance use in our community.

This the 20th day of September 2022.




Karen K. Alexander, Mayor