

# Proclamation

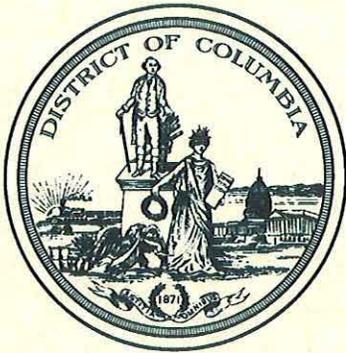
## SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2011



**WHEREAS**, October 2011 has been proclaimed by President Obama and the Office of National Drug Control Policy as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and drug abuse in this nation and in the District of Columbia continue to be a serious public health issue and it is imperative that prevention education occurs to increase the public awareness and to help eliminate misuse; and



**WHEREAS**, National Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 24 - 31, 2011, and National Drug Facts Week will be celebrated October 31 - November 6, 2011 to promote a drug free, healthier America; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, the Wards 7 and 8 DC Prevention Center and the Ward 8 Drug Free Coalition will demonstrate their commitment to drug free, healthier lifestyles by wearing and distributing red ribbons and engaging youth and adults in scientifically based drug education activities:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as "SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to participate in drug prevention activities and continue to help make our city drug free.



*Vincent C. Gray*