

House Resolution 993

By: Representatives Allen of the 40th, Thomas of the 56th, Silcox of the 52nd, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Cooper of the 43rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2020, as Addiction Recovery Awareness Day in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, substance use disorders and mental illnesses affect millions of individuals of
4 all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their families, friends, and communities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, more than 25 million Americans are building a life in recovery with 800,000
7 people in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illnesses across Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, recovery changes and saves lives, restores families, strengthens communities,
9 builds a stronger workforce, and makes Georgia a safer and healthier state; and

10 WHEREAS, the most important voice in the recovery process is the voice of the recovery
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's mental health and substance use disorders recovery organizations
13 continue to educate the public and policymakers about the need for access to prevention,
14 treatment, and peer-based recovery support services; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia's Addiction Recovery Awareness Day is designed to encourage us all
16 that freedom from mental illness and substance use disorders is available and possible and
17 to remind all Georgians that there are many pathways to recovery, that strong communities
18 make for strong recovery, that recovery is good business, and that RECOVERY IS REAL.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize January 28, 2020, as Addiction Recovery Awareness
21 Day in Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 public and the press.