
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 436 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BAKER, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, R. BROWN,
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TOOHIL, WARD, WARREN AND WATSON, JULY 19, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 19, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "National Recovery
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of overall
4 wellness; and

5 WHEREAS, Prevention and treatment of mental illness and
6 substance abuse are effective; and

7 WHEREAS, Prevention and treatment are essential to achieving
8 physical and emotional health; and

9 WHEREAS, Through prevention and treatment, individuals around
10 the nation and in this Commonwealth are able to recover; and

11 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives encourages relatives
12 and friends of affected individuals to implement preventative
13 measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide individuals
14 in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use
2 and Health, 23.5 million individuals 12 years of age or older
3 required treatment for substance abuse disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, The survey also indicated that nearly 40% of the
5 43.7 million Americans 18 years of age or older who experienced
6 a mental illness in the past year remained untreated; and

7 WHEREAS, The serious nature of this public health problem
8 demands continued outreach to the millions of individuals who
9 need help; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
11 Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
12 Administration and the Commonwealth invite all residents of our
13 communities to participate in "National Recovery Month"
14 observances; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 month of September 2017 as "National Recovery Month" in
17 Pennsylvania and urge support for this observance.