
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2015 as "National Recovery
2 Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging relatives and friends
3 of individuals battling mental illness or substance abuse to
4 implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of
5 a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment
6 and recovery support services.

7 WHEREAS, The most recent survey by the Federal Substance
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reports that in
9 2014 one in five Pennsylvanians between 18 and 25 years of age
10 used illicit drugs, nearly one in five between 12 and 20 years
11 of age reported at least monthly binge drinking and more than
12 three out of five youths between 12 and 17 years of age saw no
13 significant risk in having five or more drinks weekly or more
14 often; and

15 WHEREAS, The survey reports that more than 93% of
16 Pennsylvania residents with reported drug or alcohol problems
17 received no treatment in 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Eighteen percent of Pennsylvania adults reported
19 mental health issues and 4% reported serious mental health

1 problems; and

2 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of individual
3 overall wellness with serious implications for communities and
4 society; and

5 WHEREAS, September marks the annual observance of "National
6 Recovery Month" to promote the benefits of the prevention of,
7 treatment of and recovery from mental illness and substance
8 abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Recovery Month" conveys the positive
10 messages that behavioral health is essential to overall health,
11 that prevention and effective treatment work and that people can
12 recover from mental illness and substance abuse; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
14 2015 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage relatives and friends of
17 individuals battling mental illness or substance abuse to
18 implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem
19 and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery
20 support services.