
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2014 as "National Recovery
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The year 2014 marks the 25th annual observance of
4 National Recovery Month to promote the benefits of prevention,
5 treatment and recovery for mental and substance use disorders;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
8 Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
9 Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control
10 Policy and the Commonwealth invite all residents of our
11 communities to participate in National Recovery Month
12 observances; and

13 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of individual
14 overall wellness with serious implications for society and
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

1 estimates that one in 25 adults in this Commonwealth suffers
2 from serious mental illness and one in five between 18 years of
3 age and 25 years of age uses illicit drugs; and

4 WHEREAS, National Recovery Month spreads the positive message
5 that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that
6 prevention works, that treatment is effective and that people
7 can recover from mental illness and substance abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The theme of National Recovery Month 2014 is "Join
9 the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out" to encourage
10 people to speak openly about substance use and mental disorders
11 and the realities of recovery, and to promote means by which
12 individuals can recognize behavioral health issues and reach out
13 for help; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, The Senate encourage relatives and friends of
15 affected individuals to implement preventive measures, recognize
16 the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate
17 treatment and recovery support services; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
19 2014 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
20 support for this observance.