

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 862 Session of
2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2008 as "Alcohol and Drug
2 Addiction Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alcoholism and drug addiction is a major public
4 health problem in this Commonwealth and our nation; and

5 WHEREAS, One in ten Pennsylvanians suffer from the disease of
6 addiction; and

7 WHEREAS, One in four families has a member with an alcohol or
8 other drug addiction; and

9 WHEREAS, The cost for the effects of untreated addiction is
10 higher than the cost of heart disease and cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment is highly effective for youths
2 and adults; and

3 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment prevents fetal alcohol and drug
4 syndrome and other addiction-related illness; and

5 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment reduces crime and driving under
6 the influence while improving safety in communities,
7 neighborhoods and schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that addiction
9 treatment saves at least \$7 for every \$1 invested; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes those who
11 have lost their lives to addiction and the suffering of their
12 bereaved families for which there is no measure; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives commends the leadership
14 and healing of self-help groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics
15 Anonymous, groups for families and addiction treatment centers
16 across this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout the nation, the month of September is
18 observed as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery
19 Month"; and

20 WHEREAS, The annual observance focuses on recovery and
21 treatment and allows the Commonwealth and our neighborhoods to
22 recognize the dignity of recovery and the benefits of addiction
23 treatment services; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of September 2008 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery
26 Month" in Pennsylvania.