
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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2008

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 18, 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

11 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment is highly effective for youths
12 and adults; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment reduces crime and driving under
16 the influence while improving safety in communities,

1 neighborhoods and schools; and

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

4 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes those who have lost their
5 lives to addiction and the suffering of their bereaved families
6 for which there is no measure; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate commends the leadership and healing of
8 self-help groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous,
9 groups for families and addiction treatment centers across this
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout the nation, the month of September is
12 observed as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery
13 Month"; and

14 WHEREAS, The annual observance focuses on recovery and
15 treatment and allows the Commonwealth and our neighborhoods to
16 recognize the dignity of recovery and the benefits of addiction
17 treatment services; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
19 2008 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in
20 Pennsylvania.