A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of September 2021 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Recovery from substance use disorders, including co-occurring disorders, is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, Treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is effective and people can and do recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, Addressing and overcoming substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders is essential to achieving a healthy lifestyle, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and encourage those in need of help to seek appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use...
and Health and the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services, it is estimated that 758,000 Pennsylvanians are living with a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, The number of people receiving treatment for a substance use disorder has increased by 12% over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the unique challenges for those with substance use disorders and in recovery, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting an increase in overdose deaths by 16% in 2020; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, there were nearly 5,200 overdose deaths in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, the states and organizations nationwide have observed September as "National Recovery Month" to bring awareness to substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders; and

WHEREAS, This year's "National Recovery Month" theme is "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community"; and

WHEREAS, To help more people achieve and sustain recovery, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Commonwealth invite all residents of this Commonwealth to participate in "National Recovery Month"; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September 2021 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it

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RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth be urged to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies.