

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 273 Session of
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2002 as "National Alcohol and
2 Drug Addiction Recovery Month" and September 24, 2002, as
3 "Substance Abuse Awareness Day."

4 WHEREAS, Alcoholism and drug addiction continue to be a major
5 public health problem in this Commonwealth and the nation as a
6 whole; and

7 WHEREAS, One out of ten Pennsylvanians suffers from the
8 disease of addiction; and

9 WHEREAS, One out of every four families is affected, having a
10 member with an addiction to alcohol or other drugs; and

11 WHEREAS, The cost to society for addiction is more than both
12 heart disease and cancer combined; and

13 WHEREAS, Both young people and adults respond to treatment
14 with early intervention; and

15 WHEREAS, Investment in treatment reduces costs associated
16 with medical care and crimes related to alcohol and drugs; and

17 WHEREAS, The savings to the Commonwealth are \$7 for every \$1

1 invested in treatment; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the nation the month of September 2002 is
3 "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"; and

4 WHEREAS, The yearly observation of "National Alcohol and Drug
5 Addiction Recovery Month" focuses on recovery and the tremendous
6 strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful
7 treatment for this disease; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"
9 not only allows the Commonwealth and its communities to
10 recognize the dignity of recovery and benefits of treatment but
11 also helps reduce the negative effects of the stigma associated
12 with the disease; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
14 2002 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" and
15 September 24, 2002, as "Substance Abuse Awareness Day" and urge
16 all residents to learn more about this disease.