

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 451 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY DAY, DiGIROLAMO, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CHRISTIANA, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, ROCK, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARPER, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, JOHNSON, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MENSCH, MILLARD, MILNE, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REESE, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2009 as "Alcohol and Drug
2 Addiction Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania, and recognizing
3 the 20th anniversary of "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction
4 Recovery Month."

5 WHEREAS, Addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a public
6 health problem in this Commonwealth and across the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, One in ten Pennsylvanians suffers from addiction;
9 and

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

12 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment can be highly effective for
13 youths and adults; and

1 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment prevents fetal alcohol syndrome
2 and other addiction-related health conditions; and

3 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment reduces crime and driving under
4 the influence incidents while improving safety in communities,
5 neighborhoods, schools and healing devastated families; and

6 WHEREAS, Studies have demonstrated repeatedly that addiction
7 treatment saves approximately \$7 for every \$1 invested; and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the families
9 of persons who have lost their battle with addiction; and

10 WHEREAS, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, groups
11 for families and addiction treatment centers across this
12 Commonwealth have shown leadership in providing resources for
13 persons suffering from alcohol and drug addiction; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout the country, the month of September of
15 each year since 1989 has been observed as "National Alcohol and
16 Drug Addiction Recovery Month"; and

17 WHEREAS, The annual observance focuses on recovery and
18 treatment and allows individuals, families and communities in
19 this Commonwealth to recognize the benefits of addiction
20 treatment services as the way to end the downward spiral caused
21 by addiction; and

22 WHEREAS, In this, the 20th anniversary year of the initial
23 "National Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month," the theme
24 is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We
25 Heal," emphasizing the use of all available resources to achieve
26 recovery; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of September 2009 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery
29 Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize the 20th anniversary of
30 "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month."