
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Recovery Month" in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging relatives and friends of
3 individuals suffering with mental illness or substance abuse
4 issues to take preventive steps, be alert to warning signs
5 and assist those in need to seek appropriate treatment and
6 recovery support services.

7 WHEREAS, Substance abuse and mental illness are problems that
8 tens of thousands of families in this Commonwealth must
9 confront, often on a daily basis; and

10 WHEREAS, The most current survey by the Federal Substance
11 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reports that
12 approximately one in four young adults in the United States
13 between 18 and 25 years of age used illicit drugs in 2016; and

14 WHEREAS, The survey reports that among individuals 18 to 25
15 years of age, two in five were binge drinking at least once a
16 month in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, The survey also revealed that three out of five
18 teens in this Commonwealth saw no significant risk from
19 consuming five or more alcoholic drinks at a time at least once

1 a week; and

2 WHEREAS, Fewer than 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians with reported drug
3 or alcohol problems received treatment in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Nearly one in five adults in this Commonwealth
5 reported mental health issues, and of those, more than one in
6 five reported their issues as "serious"; and

7 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of individual
8 overall wellness with serious implications for communities and
9 society; and

10 WHEREAS, September is recognized annually as "National
11 Recovery Month" to encourage prevention, treatment and recovery
12 for mental illness and substance abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, This recognition communicates the essential
14 connection between behavioral health and overall well-being and
15 highlights prevention and effective treatment as valuable tools
16 for individuals recovering from mental illness or substance
17 abuse; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
19 2017 as "Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage relatives and friends of
21 individuals suffering with mental illness or substance abuse
22 issues to take preventive steps, be alert to warning signs and
23 assist those in need to seek appropriate treatment and recovery
24 support services.