
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 961 Session of
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AUGUST 7, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 7, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2020 as "National Recovery
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of overall
4 wellness; and

5 WHEREAS, Prevention and treatment of mental illness and
6 substance abuse are effective and essential to achieving
7 physical and emotional health; and

8 WHEREAS, Through prevention and treatment, individuals around
9 the nation and in this Commonwealth are able to recover; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives encourages relatives
11 and friends of affected individuals to implement preventative
12 measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide individuals
13 in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use

1 and Health, 20.7 million individuals 12 years of age or older
2 required treatment for substance abuse disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, The survey also indicated that nearly 22% of the
4 46.6 million Americans 18 years of age or older who experienced
5 a mental illness in the past year remained untreated; and

6 WHEREAS, The serious nature of this public health problem
7 demands continued outreach to the millions of individuals who
8 need help; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
10 Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
11 Administration and the Commonwealth invite all residents of our
12 communities to participate in "National Recovery Month"
13 observances; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 month of September 2020 as "National Recovery Month" in
16 Pennsylvania and urge support for this observance.