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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 205 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY KHAN, CABELL, GIRAL, FLICK, KINSEY, ROZZI,  
BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, McNEILL, HANBIDGE, MADDEN, SANCHEZ,  
HOWARD, STRUZZI, SAMUELSON, BOROWSKI AND DELLOSO,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2023 as "National Recovery  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 22 million Americans are recovering from  
4 substance use disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 36 per 100,000 Pennsylvanians die from  
6 substance use each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Although drug overdose rates in this Commonwealth  
8 have recently declined, a reported 5,209 Pennsylvanians died  
9 from February 2022 to February 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians are close to someone, whether  
11 its their parents, children, siblings, neighbors, colleagues or  
12 friends, working to overcome substance use and mental health  
13 disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, Struggling individuals need support and resources  
15 during their recovery process; and

16 WHEREAS, The recovery process can be difficult, especially  
17 with finding housing, and having the necessary financial

1 resources, support from family and friends and a healthy  
2 environment is critical to success; and

3 WHEREAS, By recognizing this month, we recommit our support  
4 to the prevention, treatment and recovery of individuals with  
5 substance use and mental health disorders; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1989, "National Recovery Month" has been a  
7 national observance held every September; and

8 WHEREAS, This observance promotes and supports new evidence-  
9 based treatment and recovery practices, supports the recovery  
10 community and recognizes the dedication of service providers and  
11 communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

12 WHEREAS, We invite all residents of our Commonwealth to  
13 participate in this observance by coming together and  
14 celebrating individuals in recovery and offering support to  
15 those still living with substance use and mental health  
16 disorders; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
18 month of September 2023 as "National Recovery Month" in  
19 Pennsylvania.