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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2017 as
'Recovery Month' in New Jersey

October 18, 2017

WHEREAS, every September, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and celebrate the people who recover; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Recovery Month theme: 'Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities,' underscores the critical role families and communities play in the journey to wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month focuses on building family resiliency to support recovery, to help families who have experienced behavioral health problems achieve and continue to strengthen the four dimensions of recovery: health, home, purpose, and community; and

WHEREAS, across the country, people in recovery are celebrating their successes and sharing them with others in an effort to educate the public about treatment, how it works, for whom, and why; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery are our family, friends, and members of our communities, and so we must work to eradicate the stigma, prejudice and discrimination associated with substance use disorders, as well as with co-occurring mental health disorders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2017 as 'Recovery Month' in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; NCADD NJ, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators, and County Mental Health Administrators.

Handwritten signature of Neil Van Ess
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

10-18-17
Date