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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2018 as
'Recovery Month' in New Jersey

October 17, 2018

WHEREAS, every September, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, and to spread the important message that behavioral health is essential to overall health; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Recovery Month theme 'Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose and Community' explores how integrated care, a strong community, a sense of purpose, and leadership contribute to effective treatments that sustain the recovery of persons with mental health and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Recovery Month 2018 focuses on urban communities, health care providers, members of the media, and policymakers, highlighting the various entities that support recovery within our society; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2018 also aims to increase awareness and encourage audiences to take advantage of the increased dialogue around behavioral health needs, and the increased emphasis on tackling our nation's opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2018 will work to highlight inspiring stories that help thousands of people from all walks of life find the path to hope, health and wellness; 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 mental health and substance use disorders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2018 as 'Recovery Month' in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, 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.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

10-17-18
Date