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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PO Box 345 Trenton, NJ 08625-0345

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RESOLUTION Recognizing November 11, 2014 as Veterans Day

November 19, 2014

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, November 11, 2014, is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and,

WHEREAS, There are 712,000 veterans, along with their families, living in New Jersey, and military families have a culture and unique behavioral health needs that may not always be understood within the greater community; and,

WHEREAS, Problems with drinking or drug use may occur in response to stress, or in combination with posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, or other medical conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse doubled among U.S. military personnel from 2002 to 2005 and almost tripled between 2005 and 2008; and,

WHEREAS, There are proven methods to help Veterans recover from alcohol or drug misuse and Substance Use Disorder, including mutual help groups and effective treatment; and,

WHEREAS, According to the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, as a result of the help and support of the military, veterans and those who work in the field of alcoholism and addiction, more veterans of the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan and their families are living lives in long-term recovery than at any point in our history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes Veterans Day, November 11, 2014, in gratitude to our brave and dedicated military, veterans, and their families for their service to our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, County Algoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

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<u>Nov. 2014</u>

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