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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2020 as
"Recovery Month" in New Jersey

September 15, 2020

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 celebrate the people who recover; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month, now in its 31st year, is a national observance held every September to celebrate gains made by those living in recovery, educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Recovery Month theme "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections*" to focus on communities providing critical recovery support services for individuals living in recovery as well as those who are just starting on their path; and

WHEREAS, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections*" will highlight the effectiveness of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and how integrating medication-assisted treatment in both treatment and recovery support settings is working to help individuals obtain and sustain recovery; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2020 serves to help reduce the stigma and misconceptions that cloud public understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, potentially discouraging others from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2020 will promote and support the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2020 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


Date