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### RESOLUTION

#### Recognizing the Month of September, 2015 as "Recovery Month" in New Jersey

October 21, 2015

**WHEREAS**, Recovery Month is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that addiction treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental health and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

**WHEREAS**, now in its 26th year, Recovery Month highlights the achievements of individuals who have reclaimed their lives in long-term recovery, and honors the treatment and recovery service providers who make recovery possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Recovery Month also promotes the message that recovery in all of its forms is possible and encourages citizens to take action to help expand and improve the availability of effective prevention, treatment and recovery services for those in need; and

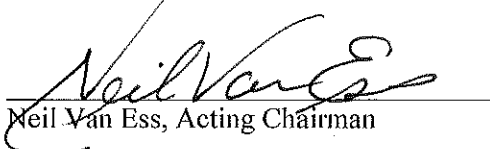
**WHEREAS**, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery but whose success at overcoming an addiction or mental health disorder often go unnoticed by the broader population; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's Recovery Month theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Visible, Vocal, Valuable!" which encourages us all to do our part to eliminate negative public attitudes associated with substance use disorders and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, people in recovery are part of our communities, and by supporting them and raising awareness of the challenges they face, we can help eradicate prejudice and discrimination associated with substance use disorders, as well as with co-occurring mental disorders.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2015 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, and County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

  
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

21 Oct. 2015  
Date