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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of September, 2016 as
'Recovery Month' in New Jersey

September 21, 2016

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 celebrates 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, this year's Recovery Month theme is 'Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery,' which highlights the value of family support throughout recovery, and also invites individuals in recovery and their family members to share their personal stories and successes in order to encourage others; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month 2016 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, Recovery Month 2016 promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible; 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 disorders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2016 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.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

21 Sept 2016
Date