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RESOLUTION

**Recognizing the Month of September 2023 as
“Recovery Month” in New Jersey**

September 19, 2023

WHEREAS, *National Recovery Month*, whose theme is *Every Person. Every Family*, has been an annual observance since 1989, held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation’s strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believe *National Recovery Month* is the opportunity to emphasize that recovery is possible for everyone, that treatment can save a life and help people with substance use disorders recover, and that treatment and recovery make it possible for individuals, families, and communities to health and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) *Office of Recovery* was established to evaluate and initiate policy, programs and services with a recovery focus and ensure the voices of individuals in recovery are represented; and

WHEREAS, Objectives of the SAMHSA Office of Recovery focus on strategies such as the meaningful involvement of a wide array of people with lived experience to improve behavioral health practices, increasing opportunities for underserved and under-resourced populations, expansion of peer-provided services within all communities, addressing key social determinants that support recovery including access to housing, education, social supports, and employment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and its Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse remain committed to supporting recovery in communities across New Jersey and raising awareness about resources such as Reach NJ.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2023 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; NCAAR, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators, and County Mental Health Administrators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

September 19, 2023

Date