

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1165

Expressing support for the designation of April as “Co-Occurring Disorders Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2024

Mr. LALOTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of April as “Co-Occurring Disorders Awareness Month”.

Whereas a co-occurring disorder, also known as dual diagnosis, is the condition of having a mental illness and a comorbid substance use disorder;

Whereas, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, approximately 21,500,000 adults in the United States have a co-occurring disorder;

Whereas people with mental illness are more likely to experience a substance use disorder than those not affected by a mental illness;

Whereas no specific combinations of mental and substance use disorders are defined uniquely as co-occurring disorders;

Whereas the presence of two or more disorders can complicate diagnosis and treatment;

Whereas integrating both screening and treatment for mental and substance use disorders leads to a better quality of care and health outcomes for those living with co-occurring disorders by treating the whole person;

Whereas increased awareness leads to earlier detection; and

Whereas early detection and integrated treatment can together improve outcomes and quality of life for people with co-occurring disorders: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of
3 “Co-Occurring Disorders Awareness Month”; and

4 (2) recognizes the importance of—

5 (A) improving awareness;

6 (B) advancing research; and

7 (C) developing new treatments and

8 diagnostics for co-occurring disorders.

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