

1 A RESOLUTION declaring March 11, 2021, as Social Determinants of Addiction  
2 Recovery Day.

3 WHEREAS, almost every family in the Commonwealth is either directly or  
4 indirectly affected by addiction; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2019, 1,316 Kentuckians died from drug overdoses, the leading  
6 cause of accidental deaths in Kentucky, with the largest deaths occurring in the 35-44 age  
7 group; and

8 WHEREAS, the economic and societal costs of addiction include strained health  
9 care, child welfare, social service, correctional, and judicial systems, as well as significant  
10 loss in workforce productivity; and

11 WHEREAS, addiction should be recognized as a disease in order to encourage  
12 treatment and reduce fear and stigma; and

13 WHEREAS, recovery is a long-term process that requires a supportive community  
14 and access to necessary resources; and

15 WHEREAS, achieving and sustaining successful recovery shall incorporate a  
16 wholeness approach to overall personal well-being; and

17 WHEREAS, addiction cannot be solved by government alone; and

18 WHEREAS, a strategy for addressing this epidemic is for public and private  
19 partnerships to provide individualized, comprehensive, long-term supports that focus on  
20 vital components of addiction recovery including: effective and accessible health care to  
21 treat physical, mental, and behavioral health; employment and educational opportunities;  
22 safe and affordable housing; transportation for treatment and to support recovery; and  
23 childcare to encourage workforce participation and stop the cycle of addiction;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Senate recognizes that successful recovery from addiction

1 includes multi-faceted assistance and support from both public and private agencies and  
2 community initiatives.

3       ➔Section 2. The Senate commends faith-based and other community partners  
4 who are engaged in the battle against the scourge of alcohol and drug addiction in our  
5 communities and declares March 11, 2021, as Social Determinants of Addiction  
6 Recovery Awareness Day.