
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 332 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY KANE, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, BOSCOLA, HUTCHINSON,
VOGEL, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COMITTA, DILLON, HAYWOOD,
CAPPELLETTI AND SCHWANK, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2024 as "National Recovery
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
4 Services Administration (SAMHSA), 29 million Americans have a
5 substance use disorder and 21 million of these Americans are in
6 recovery; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the PA Open Data website, 299,000
8 Pennsylvanians are estimated to have an opioid use disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, While drug overdose rates in this Commonwealth have
10 recently declined, an estimated 4,717 Pennsylvanians died from
11 drug overdoses in 2023 according to the PA Open Data website;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians are close to someone, whether
14 its their parents, children, siblings, neighbors, colleagues or
15 friends, working to overcome substance use and mental health
16 disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, Struggling individuals need support and resources

1 during their recovery process; and

2 WHEREAS, The recovery process can be difficult and having the
3 necessary financial resources, support from family and friends
4 and a healthy environment is critical to success; and

5 WHEREAS, Recognizing this month, recommits our support to the
6 prevention, treatment and recovery of individuals with substance
7 use and mental health disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1989, "National Recovery Month" has been a
9 national observance held every September; and

10 WHEREAS, This observance promotes and supports new evidence-
11 based treatment and recovery practices, supports the recovery
12 community and recognizes the dedication of service providers and
13 communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

14 WHEREAS, All residents of this Commonwealth are invited to
15 participate in this observance by coming together and
16 celebrating individuals in recovery and offering support to
17 those still living with substance use and mental health
18 disorders; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
20 2024 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.