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## RESOLUTION

## Recognizing the Month of September 2022 as "Recovery Month" in New Jersey

## **September 20, 2022**

WHEREAS, *National Recovery Month*, is a national observance held every September to promote and support effective treatment and recovery, and the strong and proud recovery community; and

WHEREAS, Faces and Voices of Recovery theme for 2022 is "Every Person. Every Family. Every Community" to remind people in recovery and those who support them that recovery belongs to all of us, to welcome everyone to recovery support, create inclusive spaces and programs, and broaden understanding of what recovery means for people with different experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans have had their lives transformed through recovery and therefore we must continue to educate others about substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, combat related stigma, raise awareness about treatment and recovery services, and that recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, *National Addiction Professionals Day* will be celebrated on September 20, 2022, as part of National Recovery Month, to recognize the continuum of care and commemorate the work of addiction professional; and

**WHEREAS**, we must also recognize the critical role of peers in recovery, and work to expand peer support in all our recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, *ReachNJ* is a central call-in line for New Jersey residents looking for help with a substance use disorder; 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of September 2022 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-BH, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators, and County Mental Health Administrators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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September 20, 2022

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