

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 859

Supporting the designation of September 2024 as “National Recovery Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of September 2024 as “National Recovery Month”.

Whereas the theme for National Recovery Month is “Every Person. Every Family. Every Community.”;

Whereas nearly 108,000 individuals in the United States suffered a fatal drug overdose during 2023, the first annual decrease in drug overdose deaths since 2018;

Whereas overdose deaths involving opioids decreased from an estimated 84,181 in 2022 to 81,083 in 2023;

Whereas overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) decreased in 2023 compared to 2022, but overdose deaths from cocaine and psychostimulants (like methamphetamine) increased;

Whereas, in 2023, there were approximately 22,219,000 adults in the United States who considered themselves to be in recovery from substance use disorder;

Whereas individuals with substance use disorder may face stigma from health professionals as well as from friends and family;

Whereas it has been demonstrated that stigma can be a barrier to accessing treatment and engaging in recovery for individuals with substance use disorder; and

Whereas peer-supported communities offer individuals with substance use disorder better success in recovery by addressing the personal and emotional effects of addiction and easing reintegration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of patient, pro-
3 vider, and societal education for the prevention of
4 substance use disorder;

5 (2) supports efforts to explore the means by
6 which integrated care, community, and helping indi-
7 viduals obtain a sense of purpose can lead to effec-
8 tive and sustainable treatment of substance use dis-
9 order;

10 (3) shows appreciation and gratitude for family
11 members, friends, and other individuals who support
12 individuals in recovery from substance use disorder;
13 and

1 (4) supports the designation of September 2024
2 as “National Recovery Month”.

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