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Supporting the designation of October 2025 as ''Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month'' to raise awareness of substance use and misuse in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2025

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

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RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of October 2025 as ''Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month'' to raise awareness of substance use and misuse in the United States.

Whereas initiation of substance use during adolescence is associated with substance use and misuse in adulthood;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 58,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older participated in binge drinking;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 73,000,000 or 1 in 4 people in the United States aged 12 and older used an illicit drug, including cocaine and methamphetamine;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 48,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had a substance use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 28,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older had an illicit drug use disorder;

Whereas, in 2024, an estimated 9,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older received substance use disorder treatment; and

Whereas, in 2024, more than 23,000,000 people in the United States aged 12 and older were in recovery from a substance use problem: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports—

(1) effective programs to prevent substance use and misuse;

(2) programs to help stem the drug addiction and overdose epidemic in the United States; and

(3) the designation of October 2025 as ''Substance Use & Misuse Prevention Month''.

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