

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 379

Supporting the designation of September 2019 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 24, 2019

Mr. KING (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of September 2019 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

Whereas the theme for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in 2019 is “Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger”;

Whereas an estimated 68,000 people in the United States suffered a fatal overdose in 2018, with an average number of 186 fatal overdoses per day;

Whereas there are roughly 23,000,000 people in the United States in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction;

Whereas the estimated total cost to the economy of prescription opioid misuse is \$78,500,000,000 annually, and includes the cost of healthcare, lost productivity, and involvement of the criminal justice system;

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

Whereas it has been demonstrated that stigma can be a barrier for people with substance use disorder to access treatment and engage in recovery; and

Whereas peer-supported communities offer people 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 education for
3 the prevention of substance use disorder;

4 (2) supports efforts to explore how integrated
5 care, community, and sense of purpose can lead to
6 effective and sustainable treatment; and

7 (3) shows appreciation and gratitude for family
8 members, friends, and other individuals who support
9 individuals in recovery.

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