

Reps. Lipsey, Accavitti, Anderson, Bieda, Brandenburg, Byrum, Caswell, Clack, Condino, Daniels, Dennis, Ehardt, Farrah, Gieleghem, Gleason, Hopgood, Jamnick, Kolb, LaSata, McConico, Minore, O'Neil, Paletko, Pappageorge, Phillips, Plakas, Rivet, Sak, Shaffer, Spade, Stewart, Tobocman, Waters, Woodward, Zelenko and Hardman offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 125.

A resolution declaring September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Michigan.

Whereas, In the past 20 years, medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction. Addiction is a chronic illness that involves brain chemistry. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

Whereas, Substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs. It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$294 billion a year. Despite this staggering statistic, 76 percent of people in need of treatment for a problem with illicit drugs did not seek or receive treatment. To further compound the problem, about half of those with a lifetime substance abuse disorder also experience a lifetime history of at least one mental disorder. Roughly half of those with one or more lifetime mental disorders also have a lifetime history of at least one substance abuse disorder. In addition, many men, women and youth who are addicted suffer from a wide range of coexisting physical illnesses, such as cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, hepatitis C and AIDS, among others; and

Whereas, It is imperative that people with co-occurring disorders are properly diagnosed and treated. As the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Report to Congress on the Prevention and Treatment of Co-occurring Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Disorders points out: "If one of the co-occurring disorders goes untreated, both usually get worse and additional complications often arise. The combination of disorders can result in poor response to traditional treatments and increases the risk for other serious medical problems (e.g., HIV, hepatitis B and C, cardiac and pulmonary diseases), suicide, criminalization, unemployment, homelessness and separation from families and communities."; and

Whereas, Untreated mental, physical, and substance abuse disorders result in excess costs associated with inpatient and emergency room care, the criminal justice system, homelessness, joblessness, welfare and child welfare. Clearly, the toll substance abuse takes on family, friends and community is immeasurable. But recovery is possible. Every day in every part of the United States, men, women and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery and families are seeking hope and recovery in support programs and counseling; and

Whereas, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, and those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover. This year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health," invites all segments of society to join the recovery community in improving the quality of treatment programs and coordinated services in an effort to eradicate the disease of addiction. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Michigan to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Michigan. We encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.