

Reps. Rick Jones, Dean, Durhal, Haines, Lori, Opsommer, Pearce, Polidori, Proos, Barnett, Bolger, Neumann, Ball and Knollenberg offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 141.

A resolution recognizing September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Substance use disorders affect 22.6 million people or 9.6 percent of the U.S. population, which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's, combined; and

Whereas, Effective evidence-based treatment has led to long-term recovery from substance use disorders and brought a new outlook on life for those in recovery and their families and friends; and

Whereas, Many have found recovery resources on the Internet to aid them in finding individualized treatment that many have consistently found to be essential for a successful path to recovery; and

Whereas, Real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and benefit the entire community; and

Whereas, It is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic health conditions, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

Whereas, To help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Michigan Recovery Month Coalition invite all residents of Michigan to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September 2009; and

Whereas, The National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is a national initiative and annual observance that recognizes societal benefits of substance abuse treatment, celebrates people in recovery, recognizes those in the treatment field who dedicate their lives to helping people recover from addiction, and promotes the message that recovery from substance abuse is possible, as we celebrate this year's theme, "Together we learn, together we heal."; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the state of Michigan.