

Senators Caswell, Jones, Proos, Booher and Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 78.

A resolution to observe September 2011 as National Recovery Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness. People can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and

Whereas, All people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and

Whereas, Individuals should have access to fully participate in community life, including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; and positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and

Whereas, It is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family, health care providers, and businesses. Substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and people should seek assistance for these conditions with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

Whereas, Substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems. In 2009, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for mental health problems, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. We must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

Whereas, To help more people achieve long-term recovery and learn how recovery positively benefits the nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Recovery Network, Inc., and its Recovery Month Coalition invite all residents of Michigan to participate in National Recovery Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body observe September 2011 as National Recovery Month. We call upon the residents of Michigan to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.