

Rep. Shaughnessy offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 116.

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

Whereas, Behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall wellness and 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 members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable and that 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. According to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 4.3 million people received treatment for a substance use disorder and 30.2 million people for a mental health problems. We must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

Whereas, To help more people achieve long-term recovery and to illustrate its benefits to the nation's overall wellbeing, 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 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 House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 2011 as National Recovery Month in the state of Michigan. We call upon the people of Michigan to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.