

Rep. Shaughnessy offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 312.

A resolution to declare September 2012 as Recovery Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Behavioral health is essential to health and one's overall wellness; and

Whereas, Prevention of mental and substance use disorder works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

Whereas, The benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and

Whereas, People in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physical and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

Whereas, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

Whereas, In 2012, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

Whereas, To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, 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. have invited 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 2012 as Recovery Month in the state of Michigan.