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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of good
3 health and one's overall wellness; and

4 WHEREAS, Prevention of mental and/or substance use
5 disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in
6 our area and around the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance
8 use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles,
9 both physically and emotionally; and

10 WHEREAS, We must encourage relatives and friends of people
11 with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement
12 preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and
13 guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery
14 support services; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2011, 2.3 million people aged 12 or older
16 received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and
17 31.6 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health
18 services, according to the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and
19 Health; given the serious nature of this public health problem,
20 we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

1 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2013, as a result of the Affordable
2 Care Act, more than 11 million uninsured individuals with
3 behavioral health needs became eligible for affordable
4 insurance coverage for their treatment needs, according to the
5 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health; we must ensure
6 that all of these individuals are successfully enrolled into
7 coverage; and

8 WHEREAS, To help more people achieve and sustain long-term
9 recovery, the United States Department of Health and Human
10 Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
11 Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control
12 Policy, and the members of the Illinois House of
13 Representatives invite all residents of the State of Illinois
14 to participate in National Recovery Month; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 designate the month of September 2015 as National Recovery
18 Month in the State of Illinois and call upon the people of this
19 State to observe this month with appropriate programs,
20 activities, and ceremonies to support this year's Recovery
21 Month.