

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Supporting the designation of September 2024 as “National Recovery Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KING (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of September 2024 as “National Recovery Month”.

Whereas the theme for National Recovery Month is “Every Person. Every Family. Every Community.”;

Whereas nearly 108,000 individuals in the United States suffered a fatal drug overdose during 2023, the first annual decrease in drug overdose deaths since 2018;

Whereas overdose deaths involving opioids decreased from an estimated 84,181 in 2022 to 81,083 in 2023;

Whereas overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) decreased in 2023 compared to 2022, but overdose deaths from cocaine and psychostimulants (like methamphetamine) increased;

Whereas, in 2023, there were approximately 22,219,000 adults in the United States who considered themselves to be in recovery from substance use disorder;

Whereas individuals with substance use disorder may face stigma from health professionals as well as from friends and family;

Whereas it has been demonstrated that stigma can be a barrier to accessing treatment and engaging in recovery for individuals with substance use disorder; and

Whereas peer-supported communities offer individuals with substance use disorder better success in recovery by addressing the personal and emotional effects of addiction and easing reintegration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of patient, pro-
3 vider, and societal education for the prevention of
4 substance use disorder;

5 (2) supports efforts to explore the means by
6 which integrated care, community, and helping indi-
7 viduals obtain a sense of purpose can lead to effec-
8 tive and sustainable treatment of substance use dis-
9 order;

10 (3) shows appreciation and gratitude for family
11 members, friends, and other individuals who support
12 individuals in recovery from substance use disorder;
13 and

14 (4) supports the designation of September 2024
15 as “National Recovery Month”.