

September 13, 2016

NASADAD Board of Directors

**Resolution on National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

Whereas, substance use disorders affect over 20 million people in the United States every year, with 17 million people diagnosed with an alcohol use disorder, 7.1 million with a drug use disorder, and 2.6 million with both an alcohol use and drug use disorder (National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015).

Whereas, substance use disorders cost our nation approximately \$700 billion per year due to issues related to health, lost work productivity, and crime (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2015).

Whereas, effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services help reduce the prevalence and impact of addiction.

Whereas, members of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) oversee the publicly-funded substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery systems in the States.

Whereas, these Single State Authority Directors ensure that critical prevention, treatment and recovery programs and services are available in large part through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.

Whereas, NASADAD recognizes that addiction is a treatable brain disease, and that with effective services—such as those delivered through the publicly-funded system—people can and do recover.

Whereas, this message of hope and healing is bolstered by the finding that there are 23 million individuals in recovery from addiction to alcohol or other drugs today (Faces and Voices of Recovery, 2016), many of whom serve as peers supporting others.

Whereas, for 27 years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has led the observance of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Whereas, the Recovery Month Planning Partners have been tireless leaders in promoting this event, including support of the annual Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership to recognize a Single State Authority Director who has demonstrated strong support of recovery and National Recovery Month events.

Whereas, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has been another key agency in promoting Recovery Month in particular and recovery support in general.

Be it resolved, on this day, NASADAD hereby observes September 2016 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and encourages the membership to support programs and activities related to recovery from substance use disorders not only in September but throughout the year.

Board Action: APPROVED

President: Cassandra Price