

September 28, 2020

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 14.5 million people diagnosed with an alcohol use disorder, 8.3 million with a drug use disorder, and 2.4 million with both an alcohol use and drug use disorder (National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2020).

Whereas, substance use disorders cost our nation approximately \$740 billion per year due to issues related to health, lost work productivity, and crime (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2020)

Whereas, effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services help reduce the prevalence and impact of substance use disorders.

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, State Alcohol and Drug Agencies 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 substance use disorders are a treatable brain disease, and that with effective services – such as those delivered through the publicly-funded system – people of all ages and backgrounds can and do recover.

Whereas, this message of hope and healing is bolstered by the finding that there are approximately 22 million individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder today (Kelly, Bergman, Hoepfner, Vilsaint, & White, 2017), many of whom serve as peers supporting others.

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 State Alcohol and Drug Agency Director who has demonstrated strong support of recovery and National Recovery Month events.

Be it resolved, on this day, NASADAD hereby observes September 2020 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