

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 371

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery
Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2000

Mr. RAMSTAD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Alcohol and Drug
Recovery Month.

Whereas 26 million Americans currently suffer the ravages of
drug or alcohol addiction;

Whereas 85 percent of all crimes are tied to drug or alcohol
addiction;

Whereas American taxpayers incurred more than \$150 billion
in drug-related criminal and medical costs in 1997
alone—more than they spent on education, transpor-
tation, agriculture, energy, space, and foreign aid com-
bined;

Whereas every dollar invested in drug and alcohol treatment
yields seven dollars in savings in health care costs, crimi-

nal justice costs, and lost productivity costs from job absenteeism, injuries, and subpar work performance;

Whereas treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure;

Whereas adolescents who undergo addiction treatment report less use of marijuana, less heavy drinking, and less criminal involvement;

Whereas other benefits of adolescent addiction treatment include better psychological adjustment and improved school performance after treatment;

Whereas a number of organizations and individuals dedicated to fighting addiction and promoting treatment and recovery will recognize September 2000 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;

Whereas National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

Whereas the 2000 national campaign focuses on supporting adolescents in addiction treatment and recovery, embraces the theme of “Recovering Our Future: One Youth at a Time”, and seeks to increase awareness about alcohol and drug addiction and to promote treatment and recovery for adolescents and adults: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress supports the goals and
3 ideas of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month.

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