

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 177

Designating September, 1999, as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. WELLSTONE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas alcohol and drug addiction is a devastating disease that can destroy lives and communities;

Whereas the direct and indirect costs of alcohol and drug addiction cost the United States more than \$246,000,000,000 each year;

Whereas scientific evidence demonstrates the crucial role that treatment plays in restoring those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction to more productive lives;

Whereas the Secretary of Health and Human Services has recognized that 73 percent of people who currently use illicit drugs in the United States are employed and that the effort business invests in substance abuse treatment

will be rewarded by raising productivity, quality, and employee morale, and lowering health care costs associated with substance abuse;

Whereas the role of the workplace in overcoming the problem of substance abuse among Americans is recognized by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, the National Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues, the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and the National Substance Abuse Coalition, and others;

Whereas the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy has recognized that providing effective drug treatment to those in need is critical to breaking the cycle of drug addiction and to helping those who are addicted become productive members of society;

Whereas these agencies and organizations have recognized the critical role of the workplace in supporting efforts towards recovery from addiction by establishing the theme of Recovery Month to be “Addiction Treatment: Investing in People for Business Success”; and

Whereas the countless numbers of those who have successfully recovered from addiction are living proof that people of all races, genders, and ages recover every day from the disease of alcohol and drug addiction, and now make positive contributions to their families, workplaces, communities, States, and nation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate designates September,  
2 1999, as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery  
3 Month”.

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