

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0044R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Sneed, Henry, Costello, Scott, Schleifer, Pinkett, Dorsey,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing September as National Recovery Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing that September is National Recovery Month, and recognizing the important work that many service providers and advocates are doing to help those with mental illness and substance use disorders achieve recovery.

Recitals

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall health and wellness.

WHEREAS, prevention of mental illness and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in Baltimore City and around the nation.

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental illness and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally.

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services.

WHEREAS, an estimated 46,958 people have a substance use disorder and 87,090 people have a mental illness in the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Behavioral Health System Baltimore invite all residents of the City of Baltimore to participate in National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Council recognizes that September is National Recovery Month and recognizes the important work that service providers are doing do assist Baltimore City residents who grapple with mental illness and addiction.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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