

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 8392

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. RIGGLEMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Honoring National Recovery Month Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) National Recovery Month is an annual ob-  
8 servance in the United States to celebrate individ-  
9 uals who are in recovery from a substance use dis-  
10 order or mental illness, educate the public, and com-  
11 bat stigma.

1           (2) 2020 is the 30th anniversary of National  
2 Recovery Month.

3           (3) Over 70,000 people died from drug  
4 overdoses in 2019 and 48,000 people died from sui-  
5 cide in 2018 in the United States.

6           (4) Fatal overdoses in the United States in-  
7 creased from 2018 to 2019, and overdoses have in-  
8 creased since the onset of the COVID–19 pandemic.

9           (5) A June 2020 study conducted by the Cen-  
10 ters for Disease Control and Prevention shows that  
11 41 percent of adults are experiencing an adverse  
12 mental health or behavioral health condition, includ-  
13 ing 31 percent who are experiencing symptoms of  
14 anxiety or depression, 11 percent who are seriously  
15 considering suicide, and 13 percent who are starting  
16 or increasing their substance use to cope with stress  
17 or emotions related to COVID–19.

18 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH ACTIVITIES.**

19           Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
20 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
21 end the following:

22 **“SEC. 552A. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH ACTIVITIES.**

23           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
24 the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance  
25 Use, shall carry out activities, or enter into an agreement

1 with a national organization with experience coordinating  
2 activities in recognition of National Recovery Month to  
3 carry out activities—

4 “(1) to develop toolkits, public service an-  
5 nouncements, webinars, graphics, and other commu-  
6 nication materials with respect to National Recovery  
7 Month;

8 “(2) to develop, maintain, and update appro-  
9 priate websites with respect to National Recovery  
10 Month;

11 “(3) to develop and distribute best practices for  
12 community engagement with respect to National Re-  
13 covery Month; and

14 “(4) to celebrate individuals in recovery from  
15 substance use disorders or mental illness, educate  
16 the public on treatment of and recovery from sub-  
17 stance use disorders or mental illness, combat stig-  
18 ma pertaining to substance use disorders or mental  
19 illness, and engage stakeholders in their participa-  
20 tion in such activities.

21 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
23 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025.”.

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