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S. 2766

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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, and to educate the public

1 and combat stigma with respect to substance use
2 disorders and mental illnesses.

3 (2) 2023 is the 34th observance of National Re-
4 covery Month.

5 (3) In the United States, over 106,000 people
6 died from drug overdoses in 2021, and over 49,000
7 people died from suicide in 2022.

8 (4) Fatal overdoses in the United States in-
9 creased from 2021 to 2022, and overdoses have in-
10 creased since the onset of the COVID–19 pandemic.

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

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

21 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
23 end the following:

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

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
3 the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance
4 Use, shall carry out activities, or enter into an agreement
5 with a national organization with experience coordinating
6 activities in recognition of National Recovery Month to
7 carry out activities—

8 “(1) to develop toolkits, public service an-
9 nouncements, webinars, graphics, and other commu-
10 nication materials with respect to National Recovery
11 Month;

12 “(2) to develop, maintain, and update appro-
13 priate websites with respect to National Recovery
14 Month;

15 “(3) to develop and distribute best practices for
16 community engagement with respect to National Re-
17 covery Month; and

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

1 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

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