

1           A RESOLUTION declaring March 13, 2020, as the Social Determinants of  
2   Addiction Recovery Day.

3           WHEREAS, almost every family in Kentucky is either directly or indirectly affected  
4   by addiction; and

5           WHEREAS, in 2018, 1,333 Kentuckians died from drug overdoses, the leading  
6   cause of accidental deaths in Kentucky, with the largest number of deaths occurring in the  
7   35-44 age group; and

8           WHEREAS, the economic and societal costs of addiction include strained health  
9   care, child welfare, social services, and correctional and judicial systems, as well as  
10   significant loss in workforce productivity; and

11          WHEREAS, addiction should be recognized as a disease in order to encourage  
12   treatment and reduce fear and stigma; and

13          WHEREAS, recovery is a long-term process that requires a supportive community  
14   and access to necessary resources; and

15          WHEREAS, achieving and sustaining successful recovery must incorporate a  
16   wholeness approach to overall personal well-being; and

17          WHEREAS, addiction cannot be solved by government alone; and

18          WHEREAS, a strategy for addressing this epidemic is for public and private  
19   partnerships to provide individualized, comprehensive, long-term supports that focus on  
20   vital components of addiction recovery; and

21          WHEREAS, vital components of addiction recovery include quality and effective  
22   health care to treat both physical and behavioral health, employment and education  
23   opportunities, safe and affordable housing, transportation to support treatment and  
24   recovery, and childcare to encourage workforce participation and break the cycle of  
25   addiction;

26          NOW, THEREFORE,

27   *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*

1 ***Kentucky:***

2       ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate recognizes that successful recovery of  
3 addiction includes multifaceted assistance and support from both public and private  
4 agencies and community initiatives.

5       ➔Section 2. The Kentucky Senate commends faith-based and other community  
6 partners who are engaged in the battle against the scourge of alcohol and drug addiction  
7 in our communities and declares March 13, 2020, as Social Determinants of Addiction  
8 Recovery Awareness Day.