## PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

## A Call to Support Motion M-10, National Recovery Awareness Month

WHEREAS, connecting people to community is key to successful long-term addiction recovery;

**WHEREAS**, a socio-cultural approach to recovery involves both the individual and their social and physical environment;

**WHEREAS,** supporting the community plays a significant role in helping the community at large to learn about recovery, save lives with inspiration and educate people on how to access the health care system;

**WHEREAS**, community inspires recovery when it is founded on the principles of compassion, trust, faith, integrity, diversity, fun and unity to provide therapeutic environments in which individuals and families are assisted in developing skills necessary to live free in recovery;

WHEREAS, Recovery Service Providers across Canada are working together to overcome addiction;

**WHEREAS,** Recovery Day events held across Canada in September are open for all to attend, people in recovery, those who support recovery, and those who are still in active addiction looking for solutions are invited to participate, and

**WHEREAS,** many local and provincial governments support the initiative to have the month of September declared "National Addiction Recovery Awareness Month".

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada, call upon the House of Commons to support Motion M-10, which calls on Canada to designate the month of September, every year, as National Recovery Awareness Month to recognize and support Canadians recovering from addiction and to demonstrate that recovery from addiction is possible, attainable and sustainable.

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