



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, mental health promotion and substance use prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, effectively managing mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and 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; and

WHEREAS, so many people in Tennessee are affected by these conditions; and

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), the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS), the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO), and the Tennessee Association of Alcohol Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) invite all residents of Tennessee to participate in Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's Recovery Month theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

Recovery Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fourth day of September, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State