



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, mental health promotion and substance use prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover in Tennessee and around the nation; 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, Tennessee's own Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services recognizes that over 380,000 Tennesseans need substance abuse treatment; 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), and the Tennessee Association of Alcohol Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) invite all residents of Tennessee to participate in Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 2019 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 twenty-seventh day of August, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State

