



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, methods for the prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders can be effective works, treatment is can be effective productive, and people can recover in our area and around the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery can achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders should be encouraged to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health in 2010, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder, and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; 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) and Memphis Recovery Centers of Tennessee invite all residents of Tennessee to participate in National Recovery Month (Recovery Month); and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2012 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 1st day of September, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangitt".

Secretary of State