



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

**WHEREAS**, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental health issues 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**, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services estimates that more than 300,000 Tennesseans need substance abuse treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) and the Tennessee Association of Alcohol Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) invite all residents of Tennessee to participate in Recovery Month in this its 34th year of national recognition as we celebrate the resilience and courage of the recovery community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 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 sixth day of September, 2023.



*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Juana Rodriguez*

Secretary of State