



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of an individual'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, substance use disorder impacts communities across our state, and too many Tennesseans have lost children, siblings, parents, and friends due to misuse and overdose; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has invested significantly in substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and, in collaboration with a number of other stakeholders has created pathways to recovery for tens of thousands of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans are invited to celebrate the resilience and courage of the recovery community alongside the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Tennessee Association of Alcohol Drug and other Addiction Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 2024 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 seventeenth day of September 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Bryant

Secretary of State