



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, prevention of mental health disorders and substance use disorders works; treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from mental health disorders and substance use disorders; and

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to educate society on mental health disorders and substance use disorders to decrease the stigma placed on individuals with a mental health disorder and/or substance use disorder and their families; 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 White House Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) invite all residents of Tennessee to participate in National Recovery Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2014 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 tenth day of June, 2014.



Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State