



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Every day, Minnesotans across the state recover from substance use and mental health disorders and join the thousands of vital, active, and contributing members of our communities who live in long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals in recovery illustrate the power in each of us to transform ourselves, our families, and our communities. As people share stories and celebrate the transformative power of recovery, they help dispel myths and stigmas surrounding addictions and mental health disorders; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to recognize the dedicated professionals and ordinary people assisting their family members and friends, who with skill and empathy guide people through the treatment and recovery process; and
- WHEREAS: This message of hope and understanding is a reminder that the strength of our character is not derived from our imperfections, but our ability and courage to recognize and address them; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Chemical and Mental Health Services Administration; the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all Minnesotans to observe the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Recovery Month and participate in its ceremonies, activities, and celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as:

## RECOVERY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE