

WHEREAS; mental health and substance use disorders affect all Wisconsinites, families, and communities, and improving overall health and wellness for all is a priority for the state; and

WHEREAS; prevention, treatment, and recovery support services are effective and available statewide, providing folks who may be struggling with mental health and substance use disorders the tools they need to live full successful lives; and

WHEREAS; the stigma that too often prevents individuals from seeking much-needed care must be eliminated, which can be done by raising awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and embodying the Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin, together with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and its local, state, and Tribal partners, is committed to addressing mental health and substance use challenges by promoting resilience, expanding access to essential recovery support services, and creating inclusive spaces and programs that acknowledge every individual's unique experiences and needs; and

WHEREAS; 2023 is the Year of Mental Health in Wisconsin, reflecting the state's commitment to supporting affected individuals, families, friends, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates in encouraging recovery, expanding care access, and developing mental health awareness across the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS in celebrating all people's journeys in recovery and in recognizing the dedicated workers and advocates who provide the prevention, treatment, and support services that help make recovery possible every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of August 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State