

WHEREAS; mental health and substance use disorders affect individuals, families, and communities across the state, and improving the overall health, wellness, and quality of life of all Wisconsinites remains a priority for the state; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Mental Health, it is estimated that more than one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS; furthermore, according to the American Addiction Centers, more than 48 million people in the U.S. battled a substance use disorder in 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS; although tens of millions of people deal with mental health and/or substance use disorder each year in the U.S., stigma surrounding these disorders still remains and often prevents individuals from seeking much-needed care, but by raising awareness of these disorders and embodying the Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion, this stigma can be eliminated and more folks can get the help they need; and

WHEREAS; prevention, treatment, and recovery support services are effective and available statewide, offering comprehensive tools and professional help to individuals who may be struggling with mental health and substance use disorders so that they can live full, healthy, and successful lives; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin, together with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and its local, state, and Tribal partners, remains 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; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates 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 2025 as

NATIONAL 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 11th day of August 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State