

WHEREAS; thousands of Wisconsinites living in recovery from mental health and substance use challenges lead meaningful lives and are essential, active contributors to neighborhoods, workplaces, and civic life; and

WHEREAS; honoring the strength, resilience, and diverse recovery journeys of individuals helps challenge outdated assumptions and reduce stigma surrounding mental health and substance use issues; and

WHEREAS; although tens of millions of people deal with mental health and/or substance use challenges and disorders each year in the U.S., many individuals still face barriers to the support they need to achieve recovery, making it imperative to expand access to timely, equitable, and culturally responsive care; and

WHEREAS; prevention, treatment, and recovery support services are effective and available statewide, and the encouragement of family, friends, and other support networks is central to sustained recovery; 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 and disorders 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 recognizes 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 2026 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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State