WHEREAS: behavioral health is an essential component of overall health and wellness; and

WHEREAS: prevention works, quality treatment is effective, and individuals with mental health and substance use challenges can and do recover and live full, successful lives; and

WHEREAS: every resident can help eliminate the stigma that too often prevents individuals from seeking needed care by increasing knowledge about mental health and substance use disorders, and showing compassion for those who suffer and their families; and

WHEREAS: dedicated professionals and everyday people of Wisconsin, with skill and empathy, support all individuals with mental health and substance use challenges through the treatment and recovery process with strong messages of hope, support, and respect; and

WHEREAS: the Department of Health Services, through partnerships with state, county, local, and tribal entities, are committed to reducing the impact of mental health and substance use disorders in Wisconsin by empowering families and communities and promoting quality treatment and recovery services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 12th day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State