

WHEREAS; mental health and substance use disorders affect all Wisconsin communities, and improving overall health and wellness remains a priority for our state; and

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

WHEREAS; now is the time to eliminate the stigma that too often prevents individuals from seeking much-needed care, which can be done by raising awareness and embodying our Wisconsin values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, along with its local, state, and tribal partners, is committed to addressing mental health and substance use challenges through the promotion of resilience-building and recovery-oriented systems of care; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that when we build resilience, we take a step closer to a healthier future for all of us; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to implement preventive measures, learn to recognize the signs of a problem, seek treatment if needed, and focus on building resilience within ourselves, our relationships, and our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2020 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 31st day of August 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State