



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, the impact of mental health and substance use disorders is apparent in our local community. More than 127,000 people in Alabama received treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders through the work of the Alabama Department of Mental Health and its providers in the 2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the focus of Recovery Month is to celebrate all who make the journey of recovery possible by embracing the theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community;" and

WHEREAS, through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders and encourage people in need of recovery services to seek help. Managing the effects of these conditions help individuals achieve healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, partners such as Wings Across Alabama, National Alliance on Mental Illness Alabama (NAMI Alabama), Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.) and People Engaged in Recovery (P.I.E.R.) seek to further advance the role of recovery support within the community while promoting the right of self-determination and personal responsibility in individuals pursuing recovery. Peer support partners help guide the continuum of care for individuals on their road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month improves the lives of those affected by mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about available services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2022, as

Recovery Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 31st day of August 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor