



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, substance use disorder affects all communities nationwide, but with commitment and support, individuals can embark on a journey of improved health, overall wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of all individuals on the road to recovery, we recommit each year to helping prevent substance use disorder, supporting those who are still struggling and providing people in recovery with the resources they need to live full and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all in our communities and state. More than 126,000 people in Alabama received treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders through the work of the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and its providers in Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, when our family and friends experience sustained recovery, our state becomes stronger and more resilient. We recognize that the path to full recovery can be long and challenging. To ensure all Alabamians are educated and informed of available services, ADMH and its providers share crucial resources for prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, ADMH partners, such as Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.), People Engaged in Recovery (P.I.E.R.), Wings Across Alabama and National Alliance on Mental Illness Alabama (NAMI), seek to advance the importance of recovery support within the community while promoting the right of self-determination and personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, we thank peer recovery support professionals, counselors, addiction specialists, first responders, scientists, family members and everyone who works tirelessly to help our fellow Americans recover from substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders and help encourage their loved ones in need of recovery services to seek help. Increased awareness and engagement improve lives of all Alabamians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2023, 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 11th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor