Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, substance use disorders affect communities nationwide and in Alabama, with commitment and support, individuals can embark on a journey of improved health, overall wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month, celebrated in September since 1989, is a national observance to promote and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery practices, the recovery community and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of all individuals on the journey of recovery, we commit each year to help prevent substance use disorder, support and provide people in recovery with the resources they need to live full and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 Alabamians received support for substance use disorders through the work of the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and its providers in fiscal year 2025. Alabama advances the importance of evidence-based recovery support within the community while promoting the right of self-determination and personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, the Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds and statewide programs, the ADMH and partners are empowered to address the devastating impact of opioid and other substance use. By expanding prevention efforts, increasing access to treatment and strengthening recovery supports, Alabamians experiencing substance use disorder now have more support than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the ADMH currently certifies 636 certified recovery support specialists (CRSS), alongside four substance use disorder recovery community organizations, highlighted by R.O.S.S. and PEIR as statewide leaders and bolstered by the Recovery Den in Walker County and the Eastlake Recovery Drop-In Center in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the ADMH thanks peer recovery support specialists, counselors, addiction specialists, first responders, family members and all who work tirelessly to treat and encourage fellow Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, through Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of substance use disorders. They encourage their loved ones in need of recovery services. When individuals experience sustained recovery, Alabama becomes stronger and more resilient:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2026, 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 10th day of September 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor