

STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS:

Every day, Minnesotans across our great state recover from substance use and

mental health disorders and join the thousands of vital, active, contributing

members of our communities who live in long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS:

Individuals in recovery show the power each of us holds to transform ourselves, our families, and our communities. As people share stories and celebrate the transformative power of recovery, they help dispel myths and stigmas

surrounding addiction and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS:

Untreated addiction devastates the mind, body, and spirit. However, with

appropriate treatment and ongoing support, people can recover; and

WHEREAS:

We pay special tribute to the dedicated professionals and everyday citizens of Minnesota who, with skill and empathy, guide people through the treatment and recovery process. Their message of hope and understanding reminds us that the strength of our character is derived not from our imperfections, but from our

ability and courage to recognize and address them; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Chemical and Mental Health Services Administration; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Minnesota to observe National Recovery Month with ceremonies, activities, and celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, as:

RECOVERY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of August.

SECRETARY OF STATE