



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Every day, Minnesotans across our great state recover from substance use and mental health disorders and join the thousands of vital, active, and contributing members of our communities who live in long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS: Individuals in recovery show the power each of us has 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 health 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; and

WHEREAS: Their message of hope and understanding reminds us that the strength of our character is not derived from our imperfections, but our ability and courage to recognize and address them; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Chemical and Mental Health Services Administration; the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of Minnesota to observe the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Recovery Month ceremonies, activities, and celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE