



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, there are thousands of vital, active, and contributing members of our communities who live in long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS: By recognizing the achievements of these individuals and sharing stories celebrating the transformative power of recovery, we can dispel myths and reduce stigma surrounding addiction and mental illness; and

WHEREAS: While for many, treatment is critical to achieving recovery, many people do not get the help they need. By working together as a state, we can make sure people can get the services they need on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS: The disparate impact of substance use disorders and mental illness on certain communities must be addressed, including by embracing culture as critical to prevention, treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota stands shoulder to shoulder with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and communities across the state and country in support of the 31st National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on August 26, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon