



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Substance use disorders (SUD) affect the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across Minnesota, impacting an estimated 450,000 to 500,000 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesotans living in recovery lead meaningful lives and are essential, active contributors to neighborhoods, workplaces, and civic life; and
- WHEREAS: Honoring individual strength, resilience, and diverse recovery journeys helps challenge outdated assumptions and reduce stigma surrounding substance use disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Seven in 10 adults who have experienced a substance use disorder identify as being in recovery, underscoring the hope and possibility of long-term healing, yet many individuals still face barriers to treatment and recovery support, making it imperative to expand access to timely, equitable, and culturally responsive care; and
- WHEREAS: Community-based services, along with the encouragement of family, friends, and recovery networks, are central to sustained recovery for people living with mental health and substance use challenges; and
- WHEREAS: The Walz-Flanagan Administration advanced a historic public health response to substance use disorders by establishing the Office of Addiction and Recovery and a subcabinet on opioids, substance use and addiction, convening state agencies, local governments, law enforcement, tribal nations, and community partners around a naloxone saturation strategy, and creating a centralized naloxone portal that has distributed more than 400,000 doses since 2023; and
- WHEREAS: The administration leads on nationally recognized strategies that strengthen recovery and have reduced overdose deaths by 25% since 2022, including making Minnesota the first state government certified as a Recovery Friendly Workplace; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota partners with communities throughout the state to advance the goals of National Recovery Month.

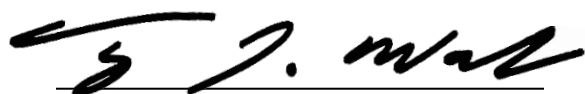
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as:

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 27th day of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE