

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, those in recovery will testify that it takes support to stay engaged in the recovery process; and,

*Whereas*, during Behavioral Health Recovery Month, South Dakota shall "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger"; and,

*Whereas*, first responders, healthcare workers, addiction and mental health professionals, peer recovery support professionals, and advocates helping to support recovery are vital to behavioral health recovery; and,

*Whereas*, by normalizing conversation around mental health and substance use disorders, we reduce stigma and increase the likelihood of individuals remaining engaged in their treatment and achieving the sobriety they seek; and,

*Whereas*, through the Division of Behavioral Health's "Notes to Self" campaign, South Dakotans are being reminded that their support and efforts to care for those who may not be able to persevere in recovery on their own makes a big difference; and,

*Whereas*, to learn more about behavioral health resources and how to support someone, visit [SDBehavioralHealth.gov](http://SDBehavioralHealth.gov):

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY MONTH**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

*Kristi Noem*  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

*Monae L. Johnson*  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State