

# *Executive Proclamation*

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

*Whereas*, every September, we celebrate Behavioral Health Recovery Month to show that people can recover from mental health and substance use disorders; and,

*Whereas*, many people around the world go through life facing challenges arising from their mental health and substance use disorder, and restoration and recovery are possible for everyone; and,

*Whereas*, Behavioral Health Recovery Month aims to increase awareness and community understanding around mental health and substance use disorders while also reducing stigma that serves as a barrier for some from seeking help; and,

*Whereas*, we recognize the individuals whose dedicated work helps those in recovery, including healthcare professionals, counselors, peers, and other recovery support professionals; and,

*Whereas*, it is important to spread the message that recovery is possible, and people in recovery can lead healthy and productive lives; and,

*Whereas*, in South Dakota, we lift up those family members and friends who provide support and celebrate the strength, courage, and dedication of individuals in recovery; 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 2024, 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-Four.

  
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Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
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Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State