

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, treatment for mental health issues and substance use disorders is available in South Dakota regardless of ability to pay and can help those impacted live more rewarding and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery services are effective, and people can and do recover from mental health issues and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the lives of thousands of South Dakotans continue to be transformed through recovery; and

WHEREAS, the hard work that addiction professionals do every day to assist individuals in recovery is recognized with gratitude September 20, 2021, on National Addiction Professionals Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, through funding from the Department of Social Services, almost 18,000 South Dakotans received treatment for a mental health disorder, and more than 11,000 South Dakotans received treatment for a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, no one is alone in their recovery journey and their recovery successes should be celebrated. We as a state join in that celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2021, 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 eleventh day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State