



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Addiction Professionals Day observed annually during National Recovery Month, established in 1992 by the NAADAC, the National Association for Addiction Professionals, to recognize the dedication of professionals who provide prevention, treatment and recovery services to individuals, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, National Addiction Professionals Day aims to increase awareness and understanding of the powerful work of addiction professionals to assist individuals with substance use disorders to achieve their desired goals; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has a robust number of Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADCs), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs), and Certified Peer Recovery Specialists providing vital supports to individuals with addictions; and

WHEREAS, these addiction professionals are committed to providing compassionate and quality care and instilling hope for long-term recovery in countless youth, adults, and families; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals effectively individualize treatment and recovery supports, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as a means of assisting each person to follow a path toward successful recovery; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals combat stigma and discrimination, including self-stigma, associated with addiction by raising awareness, using evidence-based practices, and treating individuals with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals uphold the highest standards of professional competence, ethics and integrity to inspire and promote an individual's health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals recognize the importance of resilience, wellness, and self-care and maintaining their own well-being to provide high-quality care to those they serve; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals provide life-saving and life-changing interventions to New Jersey citizens with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of New Jersey's addiction professionals has contributed to stronger communities, expanded access to treatment and recovery supports, and ongoing efforts to reduce overdose deaths and improve the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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NATIONAL ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of August in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

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Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
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