



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jerseyans experiencing mental health and substance use disorders do recover from these challenges with treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, recovery is a process of change in which individuals improve their health and wellness, and live self-directed lives and enables them to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and co-workers of individuals who face these challenges can learn to recognize the signs of a problem, and help guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, Community Wellness Centers, Community Peer Recovery Centers, and Family Support Centers help individuals and families by offering a range of social and recreational activities, and support groups, as well as the provision of naloxone trainings and kits; and

WHEREAS, through respectful engagement use of shared experience, peer specialists help foster recovery and promote empowerment; and

WHEREAS, assistance with substance use treatment and recovery services can be readily accessed by dialing 1-844-REACHNJ; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has implemented and incorporated 988, the national three-digit phone number for anyone having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, within the Department of Human Services, is committed to supporting individuals' recovery through a robust system that offers comprehensive, evidence-based, coordinated, person-centered treatment and recovery supports services that are competently and compassionately delivered;

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

SEPTEMBER 2026
AS
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

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.

Dale G. Allen
Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR