



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use and mental disorders are serious public health concerns that result in huge societal and economic costs if untreated and can take an immeasurable toll on individuals with such disorders as well as their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, educating our community about how substance abuse and mental disorders affect all people in the community is important to combat misconceptions associated with addiction and mental health; and

WHEREAS, one's behavioral health is an essential part of their overall health and wellness and people should seek assistance if needed with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and

WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders every day, in every part of the United States; and

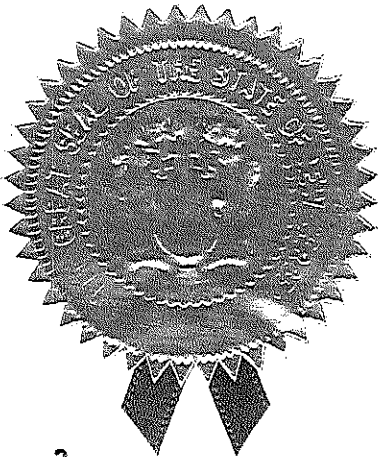
WHEREAS, to help more people enter a path of recovery, the State of New Jersey joins the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Drug Control Policy in inviting New Jersey's residents to join the voices of recovery in observing National Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month, now in its 24th year, has worked to improve the lives of those with substance use and mental disorders by raising awareness of these disorders and educating communities about the treatment and recovery resources that are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2013
AS
RECOVERY MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of September in the year two thousand thirteen, the two hundred thirty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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