



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States—more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's disease combined; and

WHEREAS, more than 457,000 Wisconsin citizens are currently in need of treatment for substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are treatable illnesses that effect thousands of Wisconsin citizens of all ages, ethnicities, and areas of our state; and

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and for their family members; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 550,000 Wisconsinites are restoring their lives through recovery—healing families and personal relationships and participating in their communities as valued neighbors and citizens; and

WHEREAS, research shows that every dollar invested in treatment returns seven dollars to the state's economic base; and

WHEREAS, celebrating recovery for individuals and their families and recognizing those who help them obtain appropriate services helps communities learn more about the benefits of treatment and how to foster and support recovery;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2008

RECOVERY MONTH

in the State of Wisconsin, and call upon the people of Wisconsin to: help increase awareness that substance use disorders are preventable and treatable; acknowledge that recovery is possible and is a reality for thousands of Wisconsin's citizens; and join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Voices campaign.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twelfth day of September in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE