

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**RECOVERY MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

- WHEREAS,** Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and
- WHEREAS,** Prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorder is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS,** We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS,** An estimated 1,350,000 individuals in Maryland are affected by these conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration invite all residents of Maryland to participate in National Recovery Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2023 as RECOVERY MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in this observance.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September  
Two Thousand and twenty-three

Handwritten signature of Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland.

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*Lt. Governor*

Handwritten signature of Susan C. Lee, Secretary of State.

*Secretary of State*