

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes recovery from mental health and substance use challenges occurs via multiple pathways with many lives impacted and,

WHEREAS, as defined by the President's New Freedom Commission, recovery is the process in which people can live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, for some individuals, recovery is the ability to live a fulfilling and productive life despite a disability while for others, recovery implies the reduction or complete remission of symptoms - science has shown that having hope plays an integral role in an individual's recovery; and,

WHEREAS, Chicago, Illinois, was selected as the host site for the 2024 National Recovery Rally Hub Event where people in recovery, their families, and allies from across the country will gather to celebrate and learn as other municipalities across the State will also recognize National Recovery Month with Recovery Walks and other awareness events; and,

WHEREAS, access to naloxone and Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) is proven to reduce the prevalence of drug overdose and the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery has created universal access to the overdose reversal medication, including naloxone through the Access Narcan program and medications for opioid use disorder like buprenorphine and methadone through MAR Now; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health has created and maintains access to numerous evidence-based practices that promote recovery, such as peer recovery support, Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), Individual Placement & Support (IPS), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery continue to prioritize the improvement and expansion of the Crisis Care Continuum in Illinois via Mobile Crisis Response Teams, Living Room Programs, and connection to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and,

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month increases awareness and understanding of substance use and mental health challenges, reduces stigma, promotes whole health and wellness, and celebrates people in recovery;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as National Recovery Month and call upon our communities to observe these occasions with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance - Recovery Belongs in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-NINTH day of JULY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR