

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness;  
and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and treating mental health and substance use (behavioral health) disorders is effective, and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services strengthens families and communities, and funded treatment for more than 200,000 people in 2016 and recovery support services for more than 10,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and overcoming behavioral health disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month is an avenue to provide resources and information about how to prevent behavioral health issues, recognize the signs of a disorder, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's National Recovery Month theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*, highlights the important role we each have in supporting the people around us; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services invites all Washingtonians to participate in National Recovery Month to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September, 2017, as

### *Recovery Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee