

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; behavioral health is an essential part of overall wellness; and

WHEREAS; individuals with mental health and substance use challenges can recover and live full and successful lives; and

WHEREAS; the stigma that too often prevents individuals from seeking much-needed care can be significantly reduced by learning more about mental illness and substance use and seeing a person for who they are; and

WHEREAS; dedicated professionals and everyday citizens of Wisconsin, with skill and empathy, support individuals with mental health and substance use challenges through the treatment and recovery process with a strong message of hope, support, and respect; and

WHEREAS; the Department of Health Services and its partners, including Wisconsin Voices for Recovery and the Recovery Implementation Task Force, are committed to reducing the impact of mental health and substance use challenges on Wisconsin's citizens and communities, and helping individuals experience long-term recovery;

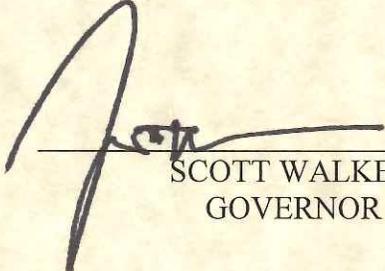
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as

RECOVERY MONTH

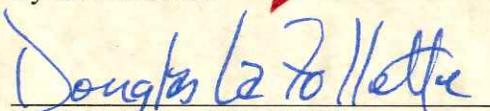
throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 28th day of July 2016.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State