



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, mental health and substance abuse disorders are serious, preventable and treatable public health problems that directly or indirectly affect millions of Americans throughout the country, and have huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and

*W*HEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for mental health and addiction treatment by referring them to an appropriate facility or program – and their family members to support services – is a crucial first step in treatment and recovery; and

*W*HEREAS, individuals who seek treatment deserve accessible, affordable and individualized programs to help them through the recovery process; and

*W*HEREAS, people with mental health and substance use disorders can and do recover when they have the necessary support and resources at home, in the community and in the workplace; and

*W*HEREAS, the outstanding contribution of Connecticut's effort in educating the public about recovery and the benefits of prevention and treatment should be recognized; and

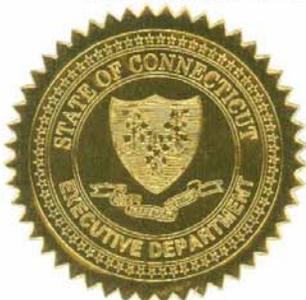
*W*HEREAS, thousands of health care providers dedicate their lives to help others achieve recovery and promote a health-oriented system of care throughout the state; and

*W*HEREAS, to help achieve these goals, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services invite all residents of Connecticut to participate in National Recovery Month; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of September as

**MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all citizens to celebrate this year's theme, "*Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover*" by learning about resources in communities which promote the recovery of men, women, youth and their families who are touched by mental health and addiction disorders.



  
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