



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders can reach recovery through a variety of prevention and treatment resources and recovery support programs offered in Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness, and thousands of Louisianans are living happy, healthy and productive lives in recovery and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders represent a population with treatable, yet serious, health care challenges and our community must continue to take steps to address it; and
- WHEREAS,** relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders are encouraged to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS,** to help more individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Behavioral Health invites all residents of Louisiana to participate in Recovery Month.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

**RECOVERY MONTH**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of September  
A.D., 2017.*

  
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*Governor of Louisiana*