

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and recovery is a process through which individuals are able to improve their wellness, live increasingly self-directed lives, and strive to fulfill their greatest potential; and

**WHEREAS,** substance use disorders are preventable, treatable, chronic health disorders, and people with substance use disorders can and do recover in South Carolina and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** educating our communities about how substance use disorders affect all people is essential to combating stigma and resolving misconceptions associated with addiction; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of Recovery Month is to celebrate individuals who have achieved long-term recovery, to acknowledge those who work in prevention, treatment, and recovery services, and to encourage individuals and families in need to seek help; and

**WHEREAS,** the goal of Recovery Month is to increase public awareness of substance use disorders and offer recovery support through individual, program, family, and systems approaches; and

**WHEREAS,** to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services is joining with partners and stakeholders to invite all residents of the Palmetto State to participate in Recovery Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

### RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the voices for recovery and help build stronger, healthier communities.



**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**