## The State of New Hampshire By His Excellency Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

## A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

## RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is essential to overall health and wellness, and recovery from substance use disorder is possible with appropriate education and support; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of alcohol and other drugs, including opioids and stimulants are an urgent public health challenge in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery and their families are courageously sharing their stories to inspire, educate, provide hope and build communities that recognize multiple pathways to recovery; and

WHEREAS, recovery coaches and recovery community centers throughout the State of New Hampshire help people find and sustain a life in recovery from substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is working through state and community partners to find the best strategies to ensure recovery for those in need, and acknowledging more work needs to be done; and

WHEREAS, September will be Recovery Month in New Hampshire to reaffirm our commitment to find long-term and comprehensive ways to ensure a resilient and recovery-centered system of care is accessible for the citizens of New Hampshire in need of support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2023 as RECOVERY MONTH in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Christopher T. Sununu Governor