

## STATE OF KANSAS

# PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, recovery is an essential part of the overall health and well-being for all residents of Kansas communities; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with commitment and support, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery; and

WHEREAS, by seeking help, people who experience mental and/or substance use disorders can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, it is important that communities and all individuals learn about mental health and substance use disorders and the benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrate people and families in recovery, applauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is a reality; and

WHEREAS, *Kansas Mental Health Recovery Month* spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover with the supports of necessary services and resources in their communities so that those living with a mental health and/or substance use disorder can seek and receive the assistance they need to recover; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness and education, the State of Kansas seeks to eliminate the barriers that keep people from seeking treatment, and to help individuals affected by mental health and/or substance use disorders lead full, productive lives:

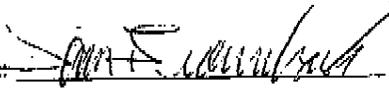
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby recognize September 2015, as the

*Kansas Mental Health Recovery Month*

in Kansas and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Kansas to commit to our communities the increased awareness and understanding mental health and/or substance use disorders, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health and/or substance use disorders and observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 28th day of  
August, A.D. 2015

BY THE GOVERNOR:

  
  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

