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Substance abuse and mental illness affect individuals, families and communities throughout Texas. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, last year more than 48,000 Texans 12 and older received treatment for substance abuse, and 200,000 Texans at least nine years old received mental health services.

Although we have made great strides in uncovering the nature of substance abuse and many mental disorders, along with how best to treat them, there is always more to be done to ensure Texans get the help they need to live healthy, productive lives.

Each year, the month of September is dedicated to helping individuals achieve a successful recovery from substance abuse and mental illness.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the importance of recovery in the lives of so many around us. Let us be mindful of the roles we can play in helping our fellow Texans along the way while supporting the many programs that provide outstanding services and support. Together, we can work toward a brighter future.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2013 to be

Recovery Month

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
15th day of August, 2013.



Rick Perry
Governor of Texas