

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, recovery support specialists are recognized and celebrated for their role in empowering individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges on their path towards wellness; and,*

*WHEREAS, recovery support specialists' primary duties include peer-provided services - using their recovery experience while guided by professional ethics to share hope, encouragement, and resources to advocate for health and wellness; and,*

*WHEREAS, recovery support has profound benefits for individuals who have experienced trauma; and,*

*WHEREAS, the unparalleled positive impact made by recovery support specialists and the unprecedented expansion of the recovery support field positively contribute to individual health outcomes and overall community wellness;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **Recovery Support Celebration Month** in Illinois, celebrating recovery support specialists as they are increasingly integrated into the fabric of our workforce and the landscape of our lives.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this THIRTIETH day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and FIFTH.*

*Alexi Giannouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR