

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

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

*WHEREAS, recovery support specialists' primary duties include peer-provided services, using their personal recovery experience while guided by professional ethics to encourage, educate, and advocate health and wellness; and,*

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

*WHEREAS, specialists continue to break new ground throughout the state, exemplifying a remarkable transition which occurs by visionary public servants and tenacious employers in pursuit of better results; and,*

*WHEREAS, this year's Recovery Support Celebration Month's goal is to increase public awareness of the unparalleled positive impact made by recovery support specialists with individual health outcomes and overall community wellness.*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2018, 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 FIFTH day of OCTOBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.*



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR