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Recovery Happens State Rally September 6, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, State Capitol

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Sacramento, CA, 08/28/2017 – Substance use disorders and the societal benefits of recovery for Californians are to be commended, according to Senator Steven Bradford, whose proclamation is being presented on the west steps of the State Capitol on Wednesday, September 6. This event marks the kick off for the statewide recognition of September as National Recovery Month. To promote the widespread national observance, Senator Bradford, as well as Marlies Perez (DHCS), and Megan Marx (The Joint Commission) will lead a recovery event, which features speakers, a march around the Capitol, pancake breakfast, the Mary Lind Choir, and what could be the largest AA/NA meeting ever held at the State Capitol.

“This event emphasizes that individuals in recovery and their support systems can be change agents in our communities,” said CCAPP Executive Director, Pete Nielsen. “It is critical that people experiencing substance use disorders receive the support they need. The reality is that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover.”

This event is part of Recovery Month, a national observance sponsored by SAMHSA, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The observance raises awareness of mental and/or substance use disorders, celebrates individuals in long-term recovery, and acknowledges the work of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. It is a fun day with great photo/video opportunities and inspiring stories of healing and positive energy.