

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 2022 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

Mental Health Awareness Month an annual, national campaign to educate the public about available resources and advocate for additional support for people with mental illness and their families.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is still recovering from the loss of a beloved Mayor who died by suicide earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), one in five U.S. adults and one in six children experience symptoms of mental illness each year, and less than half of them receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, also according to NAMI, suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10–34 and the 10th leading cause of death overall in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the prevalence of mental illness and recognizing mental health as an essential part of our overall health helps destigmatize social and cultural barriers to seeking care; and

WHEREAS, an educated and engaged public can more effectively advocate for improved access to and quality of mental health care;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville proclaim May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month to fight the stigma surrounding mental illness and provide access to mental health resources, support and care for Hyattsville's residents.

Robert S. Croslin

Interim Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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