

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 5-11, 2024 TO BE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS WEEK IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month and the first week is designated as Children's Mental Health Matters Week to address the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families, which is fundamental to the future of the City of Hyattsville; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that in the United States, 1 in 5 children and adolescents (20%) may have a mental health condition at any given time and approximately 66% of all young people with mental health conditions are not getting the help they need; and

WHEREAS, without adequate mental health support, children may experience school failure, substance use and family trouble; and

WHEREAS, mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders can affect any child, regardless of age, gender expression, race, ethnicity, orientation, religion, or economic status; we must effectively share resources and deliver services that meet the social, cultural, and linguistic needs of all in our community to improve health outcomes and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the need to build a robust community is the responsibility of all through cross-agency collaboration and shared resources with government agencies, public, private, and non-profit groups and will result in a stronger and more vibrant City of Hyattsville; and

WHEREAS, a positive example of such an initiative is the 'In Wellness We Thrive' program offered in partnership with the Hope for Center Wellness, which offers free bilingual mental health services for Hyattsville children and families from May 2024 through June 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, to be Children's Mental Health Matters week and urge our citizens, agencies, and organizations to unite and join the campaign to inform residents of the City of Hyattsville of the fundamental necessity of meeting every child's mental health needs through year-round resources and inclusive programs for all.

Robert S. Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

