

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation designates the month of July as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, promote understanding, and advocate for equitable access to mental health resources for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential component of overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, because individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups often face disparities in mental health care, including limited access to culturally competent services, language barriers, stigma, and systemic inequities; it is imperative to address the unique challenges faced by BIPOC communities when it comes to mental health; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month for 2023 is ‘Culture, Community and Connection’, we acknowledge that a sense of belonging is key to supporting overall mental health and that individuals who have strong connections to their communities often have better mental health outcomes, including lower rates of suicide and feelings of isolation; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm the City’s commitment to championing all residents, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or cultural background by promoting education, destigmatizing mental health issues, and advocating for the expansion of mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council and hereby proclaim July 2023 as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, encouraging all community members to increase awareness, understanding and meaningful action in support of BIPOC mental health and wellness.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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