

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 2024 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

Mental Health Awareness Month is 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, Since its inception in 1949, May has been celebrated nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month and recognized as a cornerstone of addressing the challenges faced by millions of Americans living with mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, this year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the 'Take the Moment' Campaign, which champions the importance of destigmatizing mental health by normalizing the practice of taking moments to prioritize mental health care without guilt or shame; and

WHEREAS, according to 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, 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 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 2024 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

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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