

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

### DECLARING MAY 2-8, 2021 TO BE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS WEEK IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

**WHEREAS** addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of the City of Hyattsville; and

**WHEREAS** the month of May is National Mental Health Month and the first week is designated as Children's Mental Health Matters week and the campaign has identified the theme to be "Express Yourself...Create Connections"; and

**WHEREAS** mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders can affect any child, regardless of age, gender, orientation, pronouns, race, ethnicity, 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.

**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 for all; and

**WHEREAS** addressing systemic racism, promoting racial equity, and building a more inclusive future is essential to the mental health of everyone in the community, including children; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN WARD, INTERIM MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE,** do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2021, to be Children's Mental Health Matters week and urge our citizens, agencies, and organizations to unite and join the campaign in observance of scheduled activities and events 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.

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**Kevin Ward**

*Interim Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

May 3, 2021

