

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 196

Approved May 10, 2023

WHEREAS, The month of May has been federally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that mental health is indeed a medical condition that impacts many of our community members throughout Providence and Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Mental health is a growing concern in our local communities, with a growing number of adults in Rhode Island reporting to have experienced a recent major depressive episode; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness is not limited to adults with many children and young adults in Rhode Island also reporting to have experienced a recent major depressive episode; and

WHEREAS, Many of the complex societal challenges faced in Rhode Island including homelessness and substance abuse are exacerbated by undiagnosed mental health disorders that inhibit an individual's ability to receive the proper treatment and resources that they so desperately need; and

WHEREAS, Many national and local organizations such as the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families (RICCF), the Rhode Island chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Medical Psychiatric Program at Hasbro Children Hospital, the Department of Psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital, Bradley hospital, and many others, work to raise awareness around the importance of maintaining mental health; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and calls upon every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to raise awareness on mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby join advocates and communities across the country in supporting efforts to raise awareness and destigmatize mental illness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the City of Providence recognizes the month of May each year as "Mental Health Awareness Month."

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04 2023

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 5/10/23