

RESOLUTION 2017 - 8

PROCLAIMING MAY 2017 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has demonstrated a commitment to nurturing a Culture of Wellness and mental health as a critical part of overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, cultivating a biohealth cluster through strategic partnerships with innovative companies in the mental health sector is a key City of Mason economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults and one in ten children will experience a mental health disorder in a given year and the scientific research and innovative discoveries happening in Mason companies are producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental wellness, resulting in more precise treatments and are changing outcomes; and

WHEREAS, local innovation partner Assurex Health, now part of the Myriad Genetics Family, is a precision medicine company that specializes in pharmacogenomics within mental wellness and is dedicated to helping healthcare providers help individuals find the most effective medication so they can live active, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Assurex Health reached a Mental Wellness Milestone: over 500,000 patients have been tested with GeneSight fostering a road to mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, local innovation partner Lindner Center of HOPE advocates for mental health and wellness as a core focus for every individual in the community and has served more than 27,000 patients since opening; and

WHEREAS, The Lindner Center of HOPE is an internationally recognized research institution providing patient-centered, scientifically-advanced care for individuals suffering with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The Lindner Center of HOPE is hosting the second biennial Community Education Day on May 7th in Mason, Ohio as a gift to the community to bring light and hope to the conversation around mental illness and mental health; and

WHEREAS, The Research Institute at Lindner Center of HOPE has received more than 50 grants totaling close to \$4 million to work on advancing understanding and treatment options.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Section 2. That during Mental Health Awareness Month, the Mason community is asked to increase awareness, seek education and grow understanding of mental health and addiction, doing their part to eradicate the stigma and encourage people to get help.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 24th day of April, 2017.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council