RESOLUTION 2018 – 12

PROCLAIMING MAY 2018 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 as well as fostering those connections throughout the schools and Mason community; 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 650,000 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 30,000 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**, since 1990 Community Concepts Inc. has offer a broad spectrum of services for individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities & their families/guardians throughout southwest Ohio; and
- **WHEREAS**, local innovation partner Community Concepts Inc., has grown to serve 250 individuals in six counties improving quality of life by offering a variety of residential possibilities, transportation, & even providing jobs to individuals in a vocational setting and in the community.
- **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven 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 23rd day of April, 2018.

	Mayor	
Attest:		
Clerk of Council		