

RESOLUTION 2021 – 12

DECLARING MAY 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, Mental Health Awareness Month in Mason, in conjunction with Mental Health America who established this month-long observance in 1949, strives to raise awareness and educate the public about mental illnesses, and strategies for attaining mental health and 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, 19% of people in the United States face the day-to-day reality of living with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, four in ten adults in the U.S. reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, up from one in ten adults who reported these symptoms in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the scientific research and innovative discoveries happening in Mason companies are producing remarkable breakthroughs in the understanding of mental wellness, resulting in more precise treatments and are changing outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Mason startup, Clarigent Health is developing products to support mental health professionals through technology that utilizes AI algorithms that isolate vocal biomarkers that signal potential mental health risks, supporting clinical decisions and workflow efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Myriad Nueroscience is a Mason-based precision medicine company dedicated to helping patients suffering from depression or chronic pain, take advantage of patented technology that uses a DNA cheek-swab to determine how patients metabolize medications and help them live active, fulfilling lives; and

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

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 10th day of May, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council