

## **RESOLUTION 2023 – 17**

### **DECLARING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS*, the City of Mason has a commitment to building a culture of wellness and recognizes that Mental Health is a critical part of growing its culture; and

*WHEREAS*, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the U.S. since 1949. during the month of May, the City of Mason joins the National movement to raise awareness about mental health, provide mental wellness education, and showcase new discoveries; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 1 in 5 people in the world will be affected by a mental or neurological disorder at some point in their lives; and

*WHEREAS*, this marks the 8<sup>th</sup> year that the City of Mason has collaborated with its corporate partners to designate May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Mason;

*WHEREAS*, companies in Mason continue to deliver groundbreaking personalized mental health innovations: and

*WHEREAS*, The Lindner Center's research efforts have been instrumental in bringing new drugs to market for depression, bipolar disorder and eating disorders, which have improved therapeutic efficacy and safety. The Center has cared for more than 50,000 patients worldwide since its founding in 2008; and

*WHEREAS*, Mason headquartered Myriad Genetics, specializes in pharmacogenomic testing with the GeneSight test that evaluates 64 medications common for mental health and informs clinicians on how a patients genes may impact how the metabolize certain psychiatric medications. More than two million patients have been tested; and

*WHEREAS*, Clarigent Health is leveraging using artificial intelligence (AI) through their breakthrough product Clarity to give clinicians an objective way to measure a patient's mental health risk; and

*WHEREAS*, TriHealth, through the Partners in Wellness collaborative with the City provides in-depth mental health solutions and education to Mason residents and employees: and

*WHEREAS*, Mason has developed a unique reputation as a location with more research and science around mental health;

*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 Mason 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council