

## RESOLUTION 2016-11

### PROCLAIMING 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**, 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 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 300,000 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**, Mental Health America began observing “May is Mental Health Month” in 1949 to raise awareness of mental health conditions and mental wellness for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, five 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Vice Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council