

2024 RES-007
RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, May 1st marks the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Month which has been observed in the United States since 1949 and encourages everyone to be aware of their mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month is a time dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues, advocating for policies to support those affected, and breaking down the stigma surrounding mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities across Dane County; and

WHEREAS, this is an issue that touches all of us; nationwide one in six youth experience a mental health condition each year and one in five American adults experience a mental health condition each year; and

WHEREAS, early intervention and access to quality care are essential for managing mental health conditions and improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, addressing the mental health crisis in Dane County requires a comprehensive approach that includes evidence-based programs, initiatives, and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors commits to supporting organizations such as Anesis Therapy, NAMI Dane County, Rise, and Briarpath Youth Services that advocate for and provide mental health services for residents of Dane County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness Month, calls upon all residents, businesses, schools and community organizations to support mental health awareness, education, and advocacy. The Dane County Board of Supervisors also commits to prioritizing investments in mental health programs, diversifying services, and to improving access to mental health care for all Dane County residents.

Chad Kemp, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk