

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition;

WHEREAS, Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on the importance of good mental health, while celebrating the accomplishments and resiliency of children and families affected by mental health concerns;

WHEREAS, research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities to lead full and productive lives;

WHEREAS, nationally recognized as a child health center, the Kellin Foundation, along with other mental health agency partners, work to build resiliency and to promote and educate the mental health needs of children as being fundamental to the future of Greensboro's well-being;

WHEREAS, children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and a family-driven support system that is youth-guided and culturally appropriate; additional benefits are received from the integration of behavioral health in primary care, education, and child welfare;

WHEREAS, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn of the warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain the necessary assistance and treatment;

WHEREAS, it is the community's responsibility to ensure that comprehensive, diverse, and culturally coordinated mental health services are recognized for all children; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GREENSBORO:**

That the Greensboro City Council recognizes the Month of May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month in order to encourage the citizens, to recommit our community to an increased awareness and understanding of mental illness, to improve the array of mental health services for consumers of all ages, and to ensure children, youth and families who are struggling, that they are not alone.