

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

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition;

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

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, children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-drive, youth-guided and culturally appropriate; they also benefit 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 about warning signs of mental health disorder and where to obtain 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 to all upon the residents, to recommit our community to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness, improve the array of mental health services for consumers of all ages, and ensure those who are struggling to know they are not alone.