

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of the City of Lewisville; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Lewisville value their overall health and that of their families and fellow citizens and are proud to support observances such as Mental Health Month and Children's Mental Health Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five adults has a diagnosable mental health condition; and

**WHEREAS**, only half of Denton County parents are not familiar with mental health services in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for individuals and families places upon our community is a critical responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use, to better handle challenges, and protect their overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, each citizen, local business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, and faith-based organization shares the burden of mental health concerns and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness, recovery, and support prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team, Denton County MHR Center, United Way of Denton County and the Wellness Alliance for Total Children's Health of Denton County led by Cook Children's, through their unique partnership and prevention-based approaches to serving children and adolescents, are effectively addressing the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that a month should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward mental health education and the support of treatment and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, that, I, T J Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, do hereby proclaim:

May 2022 as *Mental Health Month* and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as *Children's Mental Health Awareness Day* and I call upon our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every person's mental health needs to unite this month in the observance of such exercises as will commit the people of Lewisville to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people mental health conditions.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Lewisville, Texas to be affixed this the 2nd day of May, 2022.

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T J Gilmore, Mayor

City of Lewisville