

Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses affect almost every family in the world; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses often recover if given the necessary services and supports in their communities; and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, millions of adults and children are disabled by mental illnesses every year; and

WHEREAS, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment for his or her mental illness; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to reduce stigma is through personal contact with someone with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, on behalf the Borough of Dunellen, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024, as MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. As the Mayor, I also call upon all Dunellen citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
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