

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, one in every five adults in the United States experience mental illness; and

WHEREAS, nearly 26% of homeless adults staying in shelters live with a serious mental illness and an estimated 46% live with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10-24; and

WHEREAS, nearly ninety-percent of those who died of suicide have an underlying mental illness; and

WHEREAS, children and youth are adversely affected by mental illness with one in five, between the ages of 13-18, who have or will have a serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental health is preventable and treatable with early care and intervention; and

WHEREAS, there is still a prevalent stigma associated with mental health that makes it difficult for those affected to seek help; and

WHEREAS, the economic burden of mental illness costs the United States \$193,200,000,000 in lost earnings per year; and

WHEREAS, mental health is often less prioritized and less accessible in health care systems; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and Latinos access mental health services at about one-half the rate of Caucasian Americans and Asian Americans at about one-third the rate; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about mental health and removing the stigma encourages a safe environment for people to seek treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami recognizes the efforts to bring awareness to mental health and to commit more resources to accessible services and declare that the month of May be known and recognized as National Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of North Miami.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** That the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby proclaim the month of May as National Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of North Miami.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of May, 2024.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR ESTIME IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)