

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2021**

WHEREAS, mental health requires the same attention as physical health. With 1 in 5 adults experiencing mental illness and 20% of youth experiencing severe mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, major depression and bipolar disorder are common causes of hospitalization and individuals have struggled with depression due to the COVID-19 pandemic impact; and

WHEREAS, people diagnosed with mental illness can achieve strength and recovery through individual and group treatment, allowing people to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, agencies like SamaraCare, Linden Oaks and 360 Youth Services are dedicated to providing treatment and support; and Naperville Faith Coalition on Mental Health, NAMI-DuPage and KidsMatter are dedicated to reducing the stigma on mental illness by sharing ideas and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Naperville is honored to work with these organizations and urges all citizens to talk openly and honestly about mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
in the City of Naperville**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 4th day of May 2021.

Steve Chirico

Steve Chirico, Mayor

