

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2023**

- WHEREAS,** mental health of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities and that 20% of youth experience severe mental disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** major depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, and substance use disorder are common causes of hospitalization and individuals who have struggled with depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders due to the COVID-19 pandemic impact; and
- WHEREAS,** people diagnosed with mental illness can achieve strength and recovery through individual or group treatment allowing people to gain full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** agencies like 360 Youth Services, Linden Oaks, SamaraCare Counseling are dedicated to provide treatment and support; and NAMI-DuPage, Interfaith Mental Health Coalition and Kids Matter 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, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2023, 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 2nd day of May 2023.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor