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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, nearly one in five adults and one in five adolescents in the United States live with a mental illness; and

Whereas, mental health impacts a person's emotional, social, financial, and overall well-being; and

Whereas, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for ages 24-year-olds and under in Oregon; and

Whereas, teenagers have experienced a 17.3% increase in the use of anxiety medications since 2010 ; and

Whereas, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment; and

Whereas, greater public awareness can help change negative attitudes towards people who suffer from mental illness, which in turn can make it easier for them to seek treatment;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of May, 2026 to be

“Mental Health Awareness Month”

in Deschutes County, and encourages talking about mental health to further awareness of the devastating consequences of unaddressed mental illness and to shine a welcoming light on all available paths to recovery.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2026 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Phil Chang, Chair

Anthony DeBone, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Patti Adair, Commissioner

Recording Secretary