



Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, we must understand that the health of our minds is as important as physical health; and

WHEREAS, one in every four people are affected by mental illness, with more Weld County residents having reported mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, or other mental health conditions than in years past; and

WHEREAS, Greeley residents can find recovery through a variety of outpatient, residential, and critical walk-in crisis support options through Weld County's community mental health center, North Range Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, Greeley residents are healthier because of North Range's commitment to preventing hospitalizations, incarcerations, trauma, suicides, and substance use disorder through collaboration with community health centers, school districts, human services, law enforcement, United Way, and many others; and

WHEREAS, National Mental Health Month is observed every May to raise awareness about behavioral health, recovery and hope, the importance of prevention, and the factors that contribute to mental wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as *Mental Health Month* in Greeley and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of behavioral health and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 16th day of May, 2023.

John Gates
Mayor