

Proclamation

Declaring May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin

WHEREAS, mental health is part of everyone's overall health and wellbeing, and mental illnesses are prevalent in our county, state, and nation, with one in five adults experiencing a mental health issue every year; and

WHEREAS, stigma and the resulting discrimination is a primary obstacle to early identification and effective treatment of individuals with mental illness and their ability to recover to lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and suicide is the second leading cause of death of individuals ages 10 to 14 and 25-34; and

WHEREAS, long delays averaging 11 years occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help, and it is therefore essential to cure the stigma and discrimination that is the primary cause for those delays; and

WHEREAS, every community can make a difference in helping cure the stigma and discrimination that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

WHEREAS, public education and civic engagement improves the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tualatin hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Mental Health Awareness Month to increase public understanding of the importance of mental health, to promote identification and timely treatment of mental illnesses, and to cure the resulting stigma and discrimination.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder