

Proclamation



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 5-11, 2019

Whereas, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns, and

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

Whereas, The Florida Center for Early Childhood is the leading provider of mental health services for young children under the age of five in Southwest Florida; and

Whereas, The Florida Center partners with other community organizations in North Port to ensure children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, multi-generational, culturally appropriate; and integrated into education, and everyday home life; and

Whereas, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

Whereas, obtaining a full and accurate diagnosis of a child requires gathering information from diverse sources, including the family, school and others involved with the child; and

Whereas, research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities to lead full and productive lives.

Now, Therefore, We, the City Commission of The City of North Port, Florida do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 2019 as:

Children's Mental Health Week

and encourage all citizens to join us in increasing awareness and understanding of children's mental health.

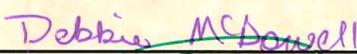
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2019.

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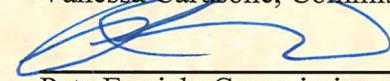

Kathryn Wong
City Clerk

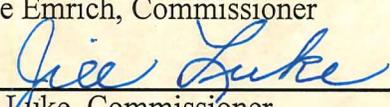
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