

Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month has been observed since 1949 to raise awareness of mental health conditions and the importance of mental health; and

WHEREAS, mental health promotion starts in childhood, and all Coloradans benefit from access to early health education, prevention, and intervention; and

WHEREAS, half of all chronic mental illness begins by age 14 and three quarters by age 24, and suicide is now the leading cause of death for youth between ages 10 through 14; and

WHEREAS, more young Coloradans need to access emotional and mental health support every day in the community and during the school day; and

WHEREAS, schools recognize increased access to services and support within the school day is crucial to assisting our youth; and

WHEREAS, early childhood and family services that emphasize strong family relationships and health children, foster individual well-being across our communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado communities are stronger and healthier with robust, local mental health services from prevention and wellness through treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Colorado continues to increase access to services that contribute to the promotion of a healthier state and make Colorado a leader in mental health in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth J. Kreutzer, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as *Mental Health Month* in the City of Brighton.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2018.

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