

Proclamation

Mental Health Awareness Month May 2023

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are one of the most common health conditions worldwide, made worse by the isolation and trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, last year, two in five adults reported anxiety and depression, and two in five teens describe experiencing persistent sadness or hopelessness, exacerbated by social media, bullying, and gun violence. Drug overdose deaths are also near record highs, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people; and

WHEREAS, every day, millions of people face stigma related to mental health and substance use conditions and may feel isolated and alone, going years before receiving any help; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use conditions are treatable health conditions, and people who have mental health and substance use conditions can recover and lead full and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) San Mateo County is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, NAMI's campaign for this year's Mental Health Awareness Month is #MoreThanEnough – which emphasizes that no matter your diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability – if all you did today was wake up, that's more than enough; and


WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City supports NAMI in its endeavors to increase the public's knowledge of signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use conditions, professional and self-help resources and self-care practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby recognize May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Redwood City and encourage the community to join us in raising awareness of this year's campaign, #MoreThanEnough! No matter where you are on your mental health journey, #MoreThanEnough is a reminder that you are inherently worthy of life, love and healing.

Date: May 8, 2023




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