

City of College Park Proclamation Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign 2024

- WHEREAS,** addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of the City of College Park and Prince George's County; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of May is National Mental Health Month and the first week is designated as Children's Mental Health Matters week; and
- WHEREAS,** mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders can affect any child, regardless of age, gender, orientation, pronouns, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; we must effectively share resources and deliver services that meet the social, cultural, and linguistic needs of all in our community to improve health outcomes and overall quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the need to build a robust community is the responsibility of all through cross-agency collaboration and shared resources with government agencies, public, private, and non-profit groups and will result in a stronger and more vibrant College Park for all; and
- WHEREAS,** addressing systemic racism, promoting racial equity, and building a more inclusive future is essential to the mental health of everyone in the community, including children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, recognize the month of May as **Mental Health Matters** month, and that the week of May 5-11 be designated as **Children's Mental Health Awareness** week, and call upon all College Park residents to honor this observance, and to ensure that children and adults experiencing mental health challenges are treated with the compassion, respect and understanding they deserve.

Proclaimed this 23rd day of April, 2024

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park