



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

Whereas,

One in five children have a diagnosable mental health disorder and one-half of all lifetime instances of mental illness begin before age 14. Children and youth with mental health needs may not always receive the services that are available; and

Whereas,

Learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health needs and where to obtain the necessary support, assistance and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives. The participation and partnership of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and youth is essential to positive outcomes; and

Whereas,

Our nation's future depends on the health and well-being of its families and our children. Children's Mental Health Week was developed by families of children with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs, to focus on the needs of their children and families. In celebrating this year's theme: "Supporting Families, Changing Futures" it is fitting to increase public awareness among all Springfield citizens of this important issue; and

Whereas,

The citizens of the City of Springfield value their health and mental health and that of their families and support the Parent/Professional Advocacy League in acknowledging and working to improving the mental health and well-being of our children, youth and families through education, advocacy and partnerships.

Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim the week of

May 6 - 12, 2018

“Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week”

in the great City of Springfield and I strongly encourage all our citizens to join with me in acknowledging this event.


DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR

*"Good health &
God bless."*