

# The City of Boston



## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas:** *The citizens of Boston value their health and mental health and that of their families; therefore, they are proud to support observances such as Children's Mental Health Week; AND*

**Whereas:** *Infant and early childhood mental health services and supports can improve outcomes for young children and their families at the only time in life when the brain is developing more than 1 million new neural connections every second (Harvard Center for the Developing Child); AND*

**Whereas:** *Children and youth with mental health needs in elementary, middle and high school are more likely to be bullied, absent, suspended, expelled or fail to graduate; AND*

**Whereas:** *About ¼ of Boston's public high school students report feelings of persistent sadness (Health of Boston 2016-2017), reporting higher for females, foreign-born students, and students who identified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual; AND*

**Whereas:** *Our nation's future depends on the health and well-being of its families and their children; NOW*

**Therefore,** *I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor for the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be:*

### ***Children's Mental Health Awareness Week*** *in the City of Boston*

*I urge all of my fellow Bostonians to join me in recognizing the importance of this week and the work being done to keep us all healthy, thriving, and innovating.*

**MAYOR OF BOSTON**

*May 6 - May 12, 2018*