



CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The residents of Salem 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:** One in five children has a diagnosable mental health disorder and one-half of all lifetime instances of mental illness begin before 14; and even some children and youth with the most intense needs and some who are insured may not receive services; 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:** 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; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 their children; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's Mental Health Week was developed by families of children with emotional, behavioral and mental 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 Salem residents of this important issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor of the City of Salem,
Do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2018 as:

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

And urge the residents of Salem to educate themselves about children's mental health, and to be more observant towards their children about the struggles that come with mental health disorders.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Driscoll".

Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor, City of Salem

May 6-12, 2018
Date