

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2023

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS: research has shown that early identification and treatment of mental health conditions among children and youth, and involvement of family members in their care and treatment, provide children and youth a better opportunity for full lives; and

WHEREAS: early identification and treatment includes timely services and support with a fully integrated team of diverse resources including families, physicians, schools and local communities; and

WHEREAS: appropriately treating the mental health needs that are culturally appropriate and equitable across varying communities and populations, is fundamental to the future of our nation, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Attleboro City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7th – 13th, 2023 as **Children's Mental Health Week** and urge all citizens of Attleboro to promote this year's theme: **Accept, Advocate, Act – Because Awareness is Not Enough.**

Signed and Sealed on behalf