



Proclamation

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

WHEREAS: the residents of Everett value their health and mental health and that of their families; and

WHEREAS: 20% of children and youth live with a mental health condition and 50% of all lifetime instances of mental illness begin before age 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: recognizing the early warning signs of mental health needs and obtaining the necessary support, assistance, and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives at home, in schools, and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: the involvement 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 Awareness 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, "Painting a Picture of Hope for the Future", it is fitting to increase public awareness among all Everett residents of this important issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Mayor of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2-8, 2021 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Dated this 6th day of May, 2021

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Mayor, Carlo DeMaria

