



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Malden value their health and mental health and that of their families and are proud to support observances such as Children's Mental Health Week; 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 children and youth with the most intense needs 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Gary Christenson, Mayor do hereby proclaim **May 3 through 7, 2021** as **Children's Mental Health Week** in Malden, Massachusetts and celebrate this year's theme: "Painting a Picture of Hope for the Future" to increase public awareness of this important issue.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Malden this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year two thousand twenty-one to be affixed.

  
GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor

