

PROCLAMATION

Mental Health Month 2016

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and
WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and
WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental illnesses; and
WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and
WHEREAS, mental illnesses are real and prevalent in our nation; and
WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental illnesses can recover and lead full, productive lives; and
WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental illnesses, and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia, that May 2016 is Mental Health Awareness Month in Leesburg and also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the Town of Leesburg and the County of Loudoun to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses at all stages.

PROCLAIMED this 10th day of May, 2016.

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