

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans face challenges in life that can impact their mental health; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real with 1 in 5 people in our nation living with a mental health condition, and the other 4 being family members or friends, therefore affecting all of us; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support education and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, we will elevate public awareness to break down the stigma surrounding mental health, a major factor affecting people living with and seeking help for a mental health condition, and open more doors to support, because every person affected by mental health conditions deserves to be surrounded by a community that cares; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that we hereby proclaim May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month and the first week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia Week in Baldwin County, Alabama, and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Baldwin County 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 health conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 6th day of May 2025.

Commissioner James E. Ball Vice Chairman	Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie Chairman
Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood	Commissioner Charles F. Gruber