



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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Item Status: New

From: Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

Submitted by: Michelle Howard, Commission Executive Assistant

ITEM TITLE

Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month - May 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2021, as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: Jessica Walker, Special Projects and Grants Manager with the City of Fairhope, is working with a team from Leadership Baldwin County 2020-2021, to raise awareness of the mental health crisis in our communities. As part of this project, the Mental Health Team respectfully asks that the Commission consider adopting a proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Baldwin County.

Thanks to a relationship with the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation, the community is aware now more than ever, that 1 in 5 youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition. More awareness community-wide can dramatically help early intervention efforts, and get youth the help they need when they need it. Work being done by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has enumerated that 1 in 25 adults experience serious mental illness in their lifetime. The numbers are staggering, and the stigma attached to mental health is damaging to residents who suffer from mental illness and can often make seeking care and assistance prohibitive.

The following will be present at the meeting to accept the Proclamation:

Brian Gulsby, Captain, Daphne Police Department

Jamie Day Montgomery, Public Relations and Content Manager for The Wharf

Meredith Portman, Owner, Portman Creative

Suntrease Williams-Maynard, Special Counsel, Adams and Reese, LLP, and Co-founder for the

nonprofit The Maynard 4 Foundation

Corey Martin, Fairhope City Councilman and Founder of the nonprofit Lampro Asteri Youth Development

Donald Burton, Trial Attorney, Mobile County Public Defender's Office

Jessica Walker, Special Projects and Grants Manager, City of Fairhope

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: N/A

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
N/A

Additional instructions/notes: Administration - Please print 7 original Proclamations, have signed by the Chairman and place in presentation binders for presentation to representatives.