



PROCLAMATION

*Hoover Board of Education
Children's Mental Health Awareness Month May 2024*

Whereas; good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Month provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in six U.S. children had a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder; and

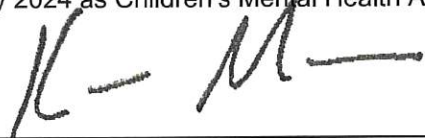
Whereas, research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them with better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

Whereas, children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally appropriate; they also benefit from the integration of behavioral health in primary care, education, and child welfare; and

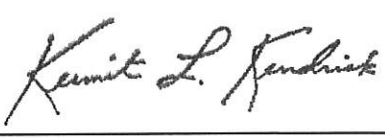
Whereas, it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

Whereas, obtaining a full and accurate diagnosis of a child requires gathering information from diverse sources, including the family, school, and others involved with the child; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hoover Board of Education does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month.



Dr. Kevin Maddox
Superintendent



Mr. Kermit Kendrick
President, Hoover Board of Education

