



RESOLUTION #24-27

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, May 2024 has been designated National Mental Health Awareness month in the United States since 1949 by the Mental Health America organization; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 9, 2024 has been designated National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, to raise awareness of issues surrounding people, particularly children, with mental health concerns; and

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

WHEREAS, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts could greatly reduce the number of children experiencing serious mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, children, youth and adults can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of our children, youth, and families places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that time should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District, through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community; and

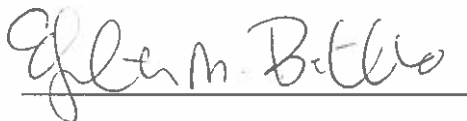
WHEREAS, parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, caring, and advocacy to important advances in education, and treatment for individuals with mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District reviews its pledge to continually assess and improve the range of educational services provided to meet the varying needs for our students with mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District recognizes that educating our students with mental health concerns from toddlerhood through graduation requires commitment to meaningful collaboration with families and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Union High School District intends, together with our partners, to ensure that our students are prepared for postsecondary success in college, careers, and in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District recommits our educational community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our children, youth and adults can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people, especially children and youth with mental health conditions, and approves the designation of May 1-31, 2024 as National Mental Health Awareness Month and Thursday, May 9, 2024 as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.



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