

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina
Proclamation...

- WHEREAS,** good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the accomplishments and resiliency of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kellin Foundation, as a nationally recognized child mental health center in Guilford County, and partners with Resilience High Point, the Guilford County System of Care Collaborative, the Guilford Child Advocacy Network (CAN), along with dozens of mental health agency partners to promote and educate the community about children's mental health needs and their families, which is fundamental to the future of High Point's well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them 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 the warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the community's responsibility to ensure that comprehensive, diverse, and culturally coordinated mental health services are recognized for all children; and
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jay Wagner, Mayor of High Point, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of May as

Children's Mental Health Awareness Month

and call upon the citizens of High Point, to recommit our community to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness, improve the array of mental health services for consumers of all ages, and ensure those who are struggling know they are not alone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 2nd day of May, 2022.

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor