

The Town of Hilton Head Island

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, during the month of May, a national health observance is dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around positive mental health and substance use prevention; and*

***WHEREAS**, rates of opioid addiction and reports of depression, suicidal thoughts and attempts, and serious mental illnesses have increased; and*

***WHEREAS**, individuals struggling with social isolation, fear, anxiety, and uncertainty during COVID-19 are suffering from or may be at-risk for mental and/or substance use disorders; and*

***WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected people across the lifespan and created new barriers for people accessing mental health and substance resources and treatment; and*

***WHEREAS**, national and local campaign goals are to promote and disseminate quality substance use prevention and mental health promotion resources; and*

***WHEREAS**, this national month of awareness celebrates the efforts of communities and organizations coming together to raise awareness about the importance of substance prevention and positive mental health; and*

***WHEREAS**, all of us have the power to be the best advocates for promoting substance use prevention and positive mental health; and*

***WHEREAS**, by increasing public awareness of, and action around positive mental health and substance use prevention; and*

***WHEREAS**, by understanding these public health issues and new barriers created during the COVID-19 pandemic, we can work together to increase positive mental health enabling our citizens to live healthy and productive lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Hilton Head, SC now joins and supports the efforts of the LowCountry Alliance for Healthy Youth Coalition in raising awareness about positive mental health and substance use prevention issues the following proclamation.*

***NOW THEREFORE** I John J. McCann, Mayor of Hilton Head Island, SC, on behalf of the Town of Hilton Head Island and Hilton Head Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be:*

**NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH &
SUBSTANCE USE AWARENESS MONTH**

***IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hilton Head Island to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.*

John J. McCann, Mayor

Attest:

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk