

**May is Mental Health Month Proclamation**

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

**WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and**

**WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and**

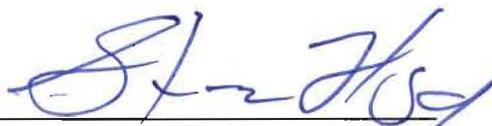
**WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and**

**WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and**

**WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and**

**WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County hereby proclaims May 2016 as Mental Health Month in Tom Green County, Texas. We also call upon all Tom Green County residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, reducing stigma and discrimination and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.**

  
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