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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

- 2023 RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, people across the United States experience mental health conditions that impact their individual health and wellbeing as well as their relationship with the community; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month, observed since 1949, has served as a vehicle for awareness, education, and advocacy around mental health and provides an opportunity for residents to highlight the difficulties of the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls in collaboration with its partners is committed to improving the mental health of residents by leading and collaborating on initiatives and programs that provide education, events, and services involving mental health; and

WHEREAS, Change Direction is a campaign by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board that aims to change the culture around mental health in Summit County and the City of Cuyahoga Falls and improve the emotional well-being of residents, and provides an opportunity for community members and organizations to get involved in fostering mental wellness; and

WHEREAS, other programs like Mental Health First Aid training offered by organizations such as Love Akron provide other opportunities for residents to learn and raise awareness about mental health; and

WHEREAS, Summit County is currently participating in Upward Mobility, an Urban Institute project focused on combating poverty, and one of this project's priorities is to increase the mental wellness of Summit County by leveraging stakeholders like the ADM Board and National Alliance on Mental Illness to improve the livelihoods of residents;

WHEREAS, supporting and educating the community on mental health and wellness is crucial to preventing crises and fostering a healthy, thriving City and County; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Cuyahoga Falls that May 2023 be declared Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1.</u> The month of May 2023 is hereby declared Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:	
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President of Council

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