

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

**MAY 2025**

- WHEREAS,** COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE ENCOMPASSES MENTAL HEALTHCARE, WHICH MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS. NAMI (THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS) BROWARD'S MISSION IS TO BRING AWARENESS AND PROGRAMS TO BROWARD COUNTY THAT SUPPORT A WORLD-CLASS SYSTEM FOR THE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY FOR PEOPLE FACING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES; AND
- WHEREAS,** MENTAL ILLNESSES ARE MEDICAL ILLNESSES, AND THE EARLIER THE TREATMENT, THE BETTER THE OUTCOME. ONE IN FIVE ADULTS WILL EXPERIENCE A MENTAL ILLNESS IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. 50% OF ALL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS BEGIN BY AGE 14, AND 75% BEGIN BY AGE 24. FIFTY PERCENT OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS NEVER RECEIVE LIFE CHANGING TREATMENT DUE TO LACK OF ACCESS TO CARE AND STIGMA; AND
- WHEREAS,** MENTAL ILLNESS IS NOT A CRIME. PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS DESERVE HELP, NOT HANDCUFFS. INMATES WITH A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN JAILS AND PRISONS. ABOUT TWO IN FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS (37% IN STATE AND FEDERAL PRISONS AND 44% HELD IN LOCAL JAILS); AND
- WHEREAS,** PROGRAMS SUCH AS *CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING*, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND *DIVERSION PROGRAMS* AND *MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS* EFFECTIVELY DECREASE JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT AND INCREASES SAFETY; AND
- WHEREAS,** MANY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS MAKE SIGNIFICANT AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITIES, AND ARE ABLE TO LIVE MEANINGFUL LIVES. RACE, GENDER, AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, IDENTITY, LANGUAGE, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, VALUES AND BELIEFS ARE AMONG FACTORS WHICH AFFECT HOW MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE PERCEIVED AND EXPERIENCED. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THESE FACTORS TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION ON TREATMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** NAMI BROWARD DELIVERS SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY TO NURTURE BETTER UNDERSTANDING, COPING STRATEGIES, AND POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. NAMI BROWARD OBSERVES THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO ENCOURAGE THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO SEEK HELP, AND TO BE UPLIFTED BY THEIR MESSAGE "*YOU ARE NOT ALONE*"; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2025 AS:

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH  
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA**

SIGNED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
MAY 2025 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR IDELMA QUINTANA  
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