

**WHEREAS**, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Broward's Mission is to enhance awareness and provide programs in Broward County that support a world-class system for the treatment and recovery of individuals facing mental health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Broward delivers support, education, and advocacy to nurture better understanding, coping strategies, and positive outcomes for people and their families navigating the complexities of mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are treatable health concerns that are widespread and manageable; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive healthcare encompasses mental healthcare, which must be accessible to all individuals regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, values, and cultural beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that these factors are integrated into treatment, allowing the community to become a bastion of support; and

**WHEREAS**, the breadth of the mental health crisis affecting both children and adults is profound, with half of all mental health conditions beginning by age 14 and one in five adults encountering a mental health challenge in any given year; and

**WHEREAS**, prompt intervention leads to more favorable outcomes; however, half of the children and adults living with mental health challenges never receive transformative treatment due to barriers to care and stigma. The resilience and recovery journey of individuals diagnosed with a mental health condition should be celebrated rather than stigmatized; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health challenges are not criminal issues, however, individuals with mental health diagnoses are disproportionately represented in jails and prisons. The implementation of crisis intervention training for law enforcement officers, diversion programs, and mobile crisis response teams helps effectively reduce involvement in the justice system and enhance safety; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals experiencing mental health challenges are capable of leading meaningful lives and contributing significantly to society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims May 2026 as

***“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”***

to promote mental health awareness and inspire those living with mental health challenges to seek support.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of the  
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**