



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, promotion and prevention are effective ways to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that support user-friendly tools that all Americans can access 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 effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, faith-based organization, health care provider, veteran's groups and citizen have a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Linn County, as well as the nation as a whole, is finally returning to normal after an infectious disease outbreak, it is important to remember that feeling anxious, confused, overwhelmed or powerless remain as common problems and are quite normal. By limiting media consumption, staying connected with loved ones and staying active we can maintain our mental health as we try to protect our physical health; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board is emphasizing that there is no health without mental health by being involved with Public Service Announcements, Health Fairs, public speakers, and various trainings regarding mental health issues;

THEREFORE, I Mayor Robert Duncan, do hereby proclaim May, 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Harrisburg. As the Mayor of Harrisburg, I also call upon the citizens, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Harrisburg to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Proclaimed the 9th of May, 2023:


Mayor Robert Duncan


Kim Downey - Protem Council President

Attest: 
City Recorder