

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize and honor significant occasions in our community; and*

W **HEREAS:** *good mental health is essential to the overall health and well-being of everyone, and promotes a healthy community; and*

W **HEREAS:** *according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, roughly 1 in every 5 Americans is living with mental illness; and*

W **HEREAS:** *The Centers for Disease control and Prevention reports suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 14 and young adults ages 20 to 34, more teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease COMBINED and in Ohio nearly 5 people die every day from suicide; and*

W **HEREAS:** *individuals experiencing mental illness can make progress toward recovery and lead full, productive lives. However, many face stigma and fear of discrimination and do not seek help; and*

W **HEREAS:** *Grove City is committed to ending stigma, and creating a community where everyone feels comfortable reaching out to resources such as the 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available by talk or text.*

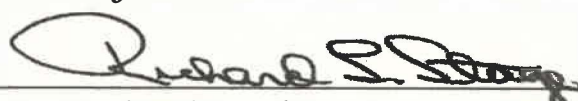
NOW, THEREFORE, I, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:

"MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH"

in Grove City to increase awareness of mental health challenges and fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equitable access to care.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio to be affixed this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor