

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida
A Proclamation**

Declaring Mental Health Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** mental health conditions often have a negative effect on families, creating tension, uncertainty, stress and significant changes in how children and families live and cope with problems; and
- Whereas,** mental health is an essential part of the overall health of children and youth, and plays a significant role in their physical health and their ability to succeed in school, at work and in society; and
- Whereas,** Hibiscus Children’s Center provides mental health services to children and families in its residential facilities and in the community, serving over 550 children and families annually; and
- Whereas,** Hibiscus mental health services focus on helping children overcome trauma and move forward in life, and the center’s therapists are trauma-trained, master’s level clinicians with a wide range of experience and expertise in child and family therapy; and
- Whereas,** Hibiscus is the only Department of Health sanctioned Sexual Abuse Treatment Program on the Treasure Coast, providing specialized sexual abuse treatment services to victims and their non-offending caregivers.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that May 2024 is Mental Health Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board recognizes support as being a vital component for a child to heal from trauma and commends Hibiscus Children’s Center in their efforts to help children have hope for a brighter future.

Presented this Fourteenth Day of May 2024

ATTEST:

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