

**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 600 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 2025 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 Sixth Day of May 2025**

ATTEST:

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