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CITY OF ORLANDO - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS,** the Mental Health Association of Central Florida was established in 1946 with a mission of compassion, advocacy and assistance to people with mental illness; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Greater Orlando was established in 1986 to improve the quality of life for individuals and to support families affected by mental illness through education, support and advocacy; and
- WHEREAS,** NAMI Greater Orlando recognizes that the key concepts of recovery, resiliency, and support are essential to improving the wellness and quality of life of all persons affected by mental illness, providing kindness, empathy and environments that are stigma free; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 1,200 volunteers have donated thousands of hours assisting as Guardian Advocates under the Baker Act as the voice for approximately 600 adults in crisis each year and NAMI Greater Orlando understands the power of people and advocates to ensure that all persons affected by mental illness receive services that they need and deserve; and
- WHEREAS,** in six years, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida's clinic has treated more than 1,600 uninsured patients with anxiety and depression through a partnership with Florida Hospital and Orange County, trained 271 participants in its new recovery program in partnership with Orange County and has trained 186 law enforcement officers in crisis intervention for youth; and
- WHEREAS,** NAMI Greater Orlando reached more than 4,000 young people in the previous school year through its Ending the Silence program in local high schools and colleges, increasing mental health awareness and suicide prevention; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mental Health Association of Central Florida has treated 114 individuals through free long term trauma and LGBTQ+ sensitive counseling for the individuals affected by the devastating Pulse tragedy and continues to give hope and promise to local families with its campaign to eliminate stigma and to remind everyone: IT IS OKAY TO GET HELP!;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the first week of October 2017, as

“Mental Health Awareness Week”

in the City of Orlando.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand
and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this
9th day of October, 2017.*



MAYOR