

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF PICKENS)

RESOLUTION # 2021-19

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2021 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN PICKENS COUNTY

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans face challenges in life that can impact their mental health, especially during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; 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, Pickens County is currently participating in the Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Crisis Intercept Mapping for Suicide Prevention through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and

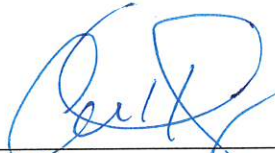
WHEREAS, a mental health problem was identified as the circumstance in 34.7% of military suicides and in 38.9% of non-military suicides in Pickens County from 2003 to 2018 according to data from the South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention and treatment efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pickens County Council does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Mental Health Month in Pickens County and calls upon the citizens, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Pickens County to commit 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.

Passed and approved, this 3rd day of May, 2021.

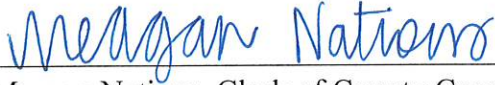
COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA



Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

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Attest:



Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina