



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS
PROCLAMATION BY THE SELECT BOARD
IN OBSERVANCE OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
MAY 7 – 13, 2023

Whereas: According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

Whereas: Good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week shines the light on this important matter in the Town of Swampscott; and

Whereas: Research has shown that early identification and treatment of mental health conditions among children and youth, and the involvement of family members in their care and treatment, provide children and youth better opportunities for full and meaningful lives; and

Whereas: Early identification and treatment includes timely services and supports for children and youth from a fully integrated team of diverse resources including their families, physicians, schools, and local communities; and

Whereas: Appropriate treatment is family-driven, youth-guided, culturally appropriate, and equitable across varying communities and populations; and

Whereas: Appropriately treating the mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of our Town, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our Nation;

Now, Therefore, the Town of Swampscott hereby establishes May 7th through May 13th 2023 to be:

Children's Mental Health Week

in the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts and encourage all faith based and non-profit organizations, residents, businesses, civic and public institutions to promote this year's theme:

Accept, Advocate, Act – Because Awareness Is Not Enough

In order to help increase equitable access to appropriate treatment and support for our children, our youth, and their families with mental health needs.

In Witness Whereof, we have here unto set our hands and caused to be affixed the GREAT Seal of the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts, this 3rd day of May 2023.


DAVID GRISHMAN
ACTING CHAIR


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