

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, half of all cases of lifetime mental illness occur before age 14: 75% by age 24; and

WHEREAS, children and youth with mental health needs in elementary, middle, and high school are more likely to be bullied, absent, suspended, expelled, or fail to graduate; and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of our children, youth and their families is fundamental to the future of the City of Nixa; and

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them with better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we as a community learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders in our youth and identify where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

WHEREAS, our children are our greatest resource, and it is essential that they have access to the services and support that they need, particularly where mental health is concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 1st – May 7th, 2022 as

"Children's Mental Health Week"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 25th day of April 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk