



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, healthy children and youth are fundamental to the future of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health and development is a vital component of proper growth and development for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health treatment and supports are critical to the health and well-being of Missouri citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, half of all mental illnesses begin by the age of 14, and high school students who experience mental illness are more than twice as likely to drop out of school as their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in youth ages ten to fourteen; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five individuals experience a mental health disorder at some point in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Mental Health, NAMI Missouri, and partner organizations are committed to improving mental health awareness, services, and supports.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,**  
do hereby proclaim

May 2025 to be **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** and

May 4-10, 2025, to be **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



*Michael Kehoe*  
Mike Kehoe  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Denny Hoskins*  
SECRETARY OF STATE