



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH  
MAY 2020**

*WHEREAS, the mental health of every citizen is essential to the physical, emotional, and economic prosperity of our families, communities, and businesses in the commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, mental health conditions are common and affect people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and income levels in Pennsylvania; and*

*WHEREAS, untreated mental health conditions lead to higher rates of emergency department visits, hospitalizations, school drop-outs, and suicides; and*

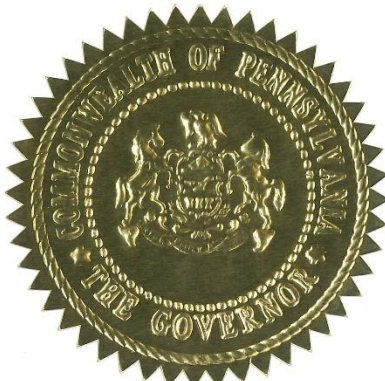
*WHEREAS, it is important to learn the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions in order to seek and receive help when it is needed; and*

*WHEREAS, early identification, intervention, and treatment of mental illness and behavioral disorders can improve – and even save – lives; and*

*WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental wellness can positively transform attitudes about mental health conditions, making it easier for our fellow citizens to seek help; and*

*WHEREAS, we strive to create communities in the commonwealth that support mental wellness by increasing access to treatment; educating ourselves and our communities about the effects of trauma, mental wellness, and mental health conditions; and supporting our fellow citizens as they seek to improve their mental health.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2020 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. I call on citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and to recognize the necessity of accessible and appropriate mental health services for all Pennsylvanians.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-second day of May two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor