

**Proclamation
May as Mental Health Month**

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

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

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

WHEREAS, there is a strong research that animal companionship, humor, spirituality, religion, recreation, social connections, and work-life balance can help all Americans protect their health and well-being; and


WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

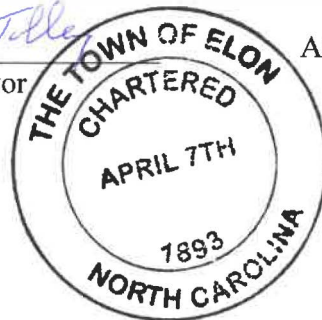
WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health and other chronic health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

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

THEREFORE, I, Jerry R. Tolley, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as Mental Health Month in the Town of Elon, North Carolina. As the Mayor, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the Town of Elon to recommit 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.

Proclaimed this the 14th day, April 2020.


Jerry R. Tolley, Mayor



Attest:


DiAnne C. Enoch, Town Clerk