

# PROCLAMATION

## Mental Health Month

**WHEREAS**, now, more than ever, we must understand that the health of our minds is as important as physical health; and

**WHEREAS**, one in every four people are affected by mental illness, with more Weld County residents having reported mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, or other mental health conditions than in years past; and

**WHEREAS**, Evans residents can find recovery through a variety of outpatient, residential, and critical walk-in crisis support options through Weld County's community mental health center, North Range Behavioral Health; and

**WHEREAS**, Evans residents are healthier because of North Range's commitment to preventing hospitalizations, incarcerations, trauma, suicides, and substance use disorder through collaboration with community health centers, school districts, human services, law enforcement, United Way, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, National Mental Health Month is observed every May to raise awareness about behavioral health, recovery and hope, the importance of prevention, and the factors that contribute to mental wellness.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mark C. Clark, Mayor of the City of Evans do hereby proclaim May, 2024, as

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in the City of Evans and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of behavioral health and understanding the need for appropriate and accessible services for all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Evans, Colorado this 7th day of May 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF EVANS:

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Julie Barnett, City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark C. Clark, Mayor