



**2022 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week  
Proclamation**

Council Sponsors: Councilors Devlin-Gauthier, Hanneke, Lopes, and Miller; Community Sponsor: Sarah Swartz

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Amherst value their health and mental health and that of their families; therefore, they are proud to support observances such as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, 20% of children and youth in the United States live with a mental health condition and 50% of all lifetime instances of mental illness begin before age 14; and even some children and youth with the most intense needs and some who are insured may not receive services; 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**, recognizing the early warning signs of mental health needs and obtaining the necessary support, assistance, and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives at home, in schools, and in their communities; and


**WHEREAS**, the involvement and partnership of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and youth is essential to positive outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's future depends on the health and well-being of its families and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week was developed by families of children with emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs, to focus on the needs of their children and families; in celebrating this year's theme (Find Connections. Build Community) it is fitting to increase public awareness among all Amherst residents of this important issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Amherst Town Council proclaims the week of May 1-5, 2022 to be Children's Mental Health Awareness Week to help cultivate awareness for all residents of Amherst.

VOTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

  
J Lynn Griesemer (May 3, 2022 12:05 EDT)

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J. Lynn Griesemer  
Town Council President






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