



The County of Dane



Proclamation

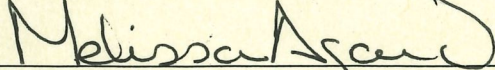


- WHEREAS;** mental health is essential to the well-being of individuals, families, and communities, and is just as important as physical health; and
- WHEREAS;** mental health affects every part of our lives, including how we care for ourselves and one another, how young people grow and learn, how families navigate challenges, and how communities remain connected and resilient; and
- WHEREAS;** too many people continue to struggle in silence because of stigma, isolation, or barriers to care, and no one should feel alone when facing mental health challenges; and
- WHEREAS;** every person deserves to be treated with compassion, dignity, and respect, and asking for help must be recognized as a sign of strength; and
- WHEREAS;** Dane County is committed to supporting prevention, early intervention, crisis response, treatment, recovery, and long-term community-based support, and to strengthening behavioral health services for children, families, veterans, older adults, and residents experiencing substance use or mental health challenges; and
- WHEREAS;** Mental Health Awareness Month is an opportunity to encourage residents to check in on loved ones, learn more about available resources, reduce stigma, and foster a culture in which conversations about mental health are met with understanding instead of judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Melissa Agard, Dane County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2026 **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** in Dane County, and call upon all residents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, schools, and community organizations to recommit themselves to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, reducing stigma, expanding access to care, and supporting the well-being of all people in our community.



Signed this 1st day of May 2026, in
County of Dane, State of Wisconsin.



Melissa Agard, Dane County Executive