**RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2025**

**A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, INDIANA RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, serving as a time to raise awareness that mental health is essential to overall health and well-being, and is just as important as physical health for individuals, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lawrence values the health and safety of its residents and recognizes that mental health is a critical component of a thriving and resilient community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lawrence is committed to working alongside community organizations, health care providers, educators, and advocates to promote mental wellness and eliminate the stigma surrounding mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illnesses affect people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities, and can impact relationships, education, employment, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, stigma and misunderstanding continue to be barriers to individuals seeking and receiving the mental health support and treatment they need; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), one in five adults experiences mental illness in a given year, yet many do not receive adequate care; and

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness, increase understanding, promote access to resources, and encourage support for those living with mental health conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Lawrence as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The month of May is formally recognized in the City of Lawrence as Mental Health Awareness Month.

**SECTION 2.** All City of Lawrence residents, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to observe this month with programs, activities, and initiatives that promote mental health awareness, support access to mental health services, and foster a more compassionate and informed community.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2025

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Leatrice Adkisson, Zach Cramer,

City Clerk President

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, this\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2025, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o’clock \_\_\_\_\_.m.

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Leatrice Adkisson, City Clerk

Presented to me and signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2025, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o’clock \_\_\_\_\_.m.

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Deborah Whitfield, Mayor