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## PROCLAMATION

### “Proclamation Declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month” – May 9, 2023

**WHEREAS**, nearly one in five adults and one in five adolescents in the United States live with a mental illness; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mental health impacts a person’s emotional, social, environmental, financial and overall well-being, with significant disparities among racially and ethnically diverse communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, suicide is now the second leading cause of death for 15-to-24-year-olds, with teenagers experiencing a 17.3% increase in the use of anxiety medications since 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, one third of the United States population lives in a county designated as a mental health professional shortage area; and,

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 44% of residents detained in jails are suffering from a mental illness, often with co-occurring substance use disorders; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County and all counties serve as a safety net for residents in need, first responders, and operator of crisis lines, and detention centers.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County has dedicated American Recovery funding to help our local Federally Qualified Health Center, Chiricahua Community Health Center to build their Behavioral Health Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, THAT** Cochise County Board of Supervisors declares May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cochise County to highlight the critical role of the county in providing crucial behavioral health services and resources to its residents; and,

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, The Cochise County Board of Supervisors continues its commitment to partner with our community members to ensure that all mental health services are accessible, valuable and culturally appropriate for all residents.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Ann English, Chairman

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