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Orange County Board of Education Resolution to Mental Health Awareness Month

Whereas, May 2020 had been designated National Mental Health Awareness month by the American Psychological Association (ASA); and

Whereas, Mental illness can affect anyone and can develop at any time. Its effects spread well beyond the individual to family, friends, and coworkers; and

Whereas, Addressing the complex mental health needs of our students and families is a critical responsibility; and

Whereas, 37% of students with a mental health condition age 14 and older drop out of school – the highest dropout rate of any disability group per the National Institute of Mental Health; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that time should be set up apart each year for our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

Whereas, The Orange County Schools recognize that the education of our students with mental health concerns from pre-school to graduation requires meaningful collaboration with teachers, counselors, social workers, families and community;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education proclaims May, 2020 to be Mental Health Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education is committed to inspiring an environment conducive to learning and to ensure future opportunities for all of our students with mental health concerns.

Adopted this the 4th day of May, 2020.

Chair
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Superintendent
Orange County Schools