



City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROSALYNN C. BLISS
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is committed to enhancing access to public mental health and substance use recovery services for all residents, and acknowledges the vital contributions of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Mental Health Specialists, and Recovery Support Professionals; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 25% of adults live with mental illness, 46 million individuals have a substance use, and one out of six youth experience a mental health disorder every year; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health and Recovery Support Professionals play a pivotal role in helping individuals achieve better outcomes, reduce health disparities, and realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Prevention Week, established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), serves as a national platform to recognize the efforts of Mental Health and Recovery Support Professionals, emphasizing the significance of positive mental health and substance misuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Prevention Week, "A Celebration of Possibilities," aims to raise awareness about substance misuse and mental health issues, highlight the effectiveness of evidence-based prevention programs, foster collaboration with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to improving public health, and promote the dissemination of quality substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2024, as Prevention Week and encourage all residents to recognize this week that reaffirms our dedication to fostering positive mental health and preventing substance misuse, and honoring the dedicated professionals who support and promote the wellbeing and recovery individuals and communities.



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