



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** our mental health is essential to our physical health and overall health of our community. The most recent Community Health Assessment indicates there is a great opportunity for our community to work together to increase the mental health of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2021 Community Health Assessment indicates that Quad Cities have significant higher rate of chronic depression (30.2%, 20.6%) and persons being treated for mental health than the US average (25%, 16.8%); and
- WHEREAS,** educating the public on the resources available to the community, encouraging the community to seek help if a mental health crisis occurs and working to inform practices and build collaborative efforts to help strengthen the mental health of the Quad Cities will result in positively impacting the mental health of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 2022, the FCC launched 988 to replace the National Suicide Crisis Line in an effort to make it easier for people to access a lifeline anywhere. The Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition is working to share this message and bring community innovations and initiatives to our community to advance the awareness, including that green is the mental health awareness color can be found at <https://qcbhc.weebly.com>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 as

Mental Health Awareness Month

in the City of Rock Island, Illinois, and encourage all citizens to promote the on-going education on the importance of prioritizing mental health and reaching out to get connected to services if a mental health concern arises.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2023.



Mike Thoms, Mayor