

Proclamation for H.O.P.E. Week

May 8-12, 2023

Whereas, the mental and physical health of children and youth is important to families, communities, health care workers, and service providers across the [CITY OR STATE] _____; and

Whereas, services for children and families in [CITY OR STATE] _____ have incorporated trauma-informed care, based on the knowledge that adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can cause long-term harm to physical and mental health.

Whereas, more recent research has shown that brain development is improved through Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs); and,

Whereas, PCEs significantly decrease the risk of poor mental health and depression even among those of us who have experienced significant adversity as children; and,

Whereas, we now know that resilient communities can improve the chances that children will experience connection, safe places to live, learn and play, and have opportunities to engage with others. These key experiences go a long way to reducing the lifelong effects adverse community environments; and,

Whereas, families cannot provide PCEs alone; [CITY OR STATE] _____ can enter into partnerships that help create the strong families and communities that lead our children into lifelong health; and,

Whereas, there is H.O.P.E (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences) for all

[CITY OR STATE] _____ families, including those who have faced adversities in their communities and within their families, because childhood adversity is not destiny; and,

Whereas, the H.O.P.E Week is a national effort supported by families, scientists, non-profits, research centers and institutes, universities, and government agencies to raise awareness about the significance of Positive Childhood Experiences in child, youth, and family services and supports, research, and policymaking; and

Therefore, I [NAME] _____, [TITLE] _____ of the [STATE OR CITY] _____, do hereby proclaim May 8th-12th ,2023 as H.O.P.E Week.

Signature

Title

