

# *Proclamation No. 2018-13*

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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To Proclaim May 2018 as "Mental Health Month"

COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN )

**WHEREAS**, good mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses. Research has proven there is a connection between good mental health and overall personal health; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of adults and children are disabled by mental illness every year affecting almost every family in America; and

**WHEREAS**, people with mental illness can recover if given the necessary services and support in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, people with mental illness make important contributions to our families and our local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment for his or her mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

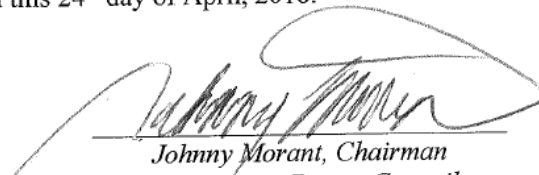
**WHEREAS**, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illness;

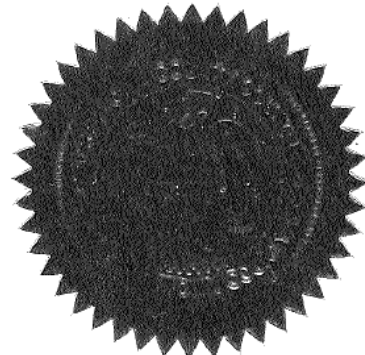
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Georgetown County Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as

## **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

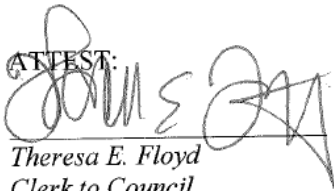
calling upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

**SO SHALL IT BE** proclaimed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

  
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*Johnny Morant, Chairman  
Georgetown County Council*



ATTEST:

  
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*Theresa E. Floyd  
Clerk to Council*