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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month to bring recognition and understanding of behavioral health and addictive disorders as well as the need for appropriate and accessible services for people struggling with mental health issues.



Commissioner Steve Moreno, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer and Commissioner Mike Freeman presented the Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation to John Rattle, Susan Weber, Joanna Sinnwell, Jacki Kennedy and Larry Pottorff from North Range Behavioral Health.

“Mental health is essential to a person's overall physical health and emotional well-being,” said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “We want to encourage people to talk about mental health and seek help as effective treatment can help individuals recover and lead full and productive lives.”

In Weld County, 46 lives were lost to suicide in 2015. Prevention, including access to necessary medication and treatment, can significantly help reduce the number of individuals ending up in emergency rooms, correction facilities, becoming homeless and most importantly, stopping suicide.

All Colorado residents have access to a 24/7 crisis services hotline for mental health and addiction crises through the Colorado Crisis Services System. By calling 844-493-8255 or texting “talk” to 38255, individuals will be able to speak to a trained professional and receive immediate confidential support. In Greeley, North Range Behavioral Health offers walk-in crisis services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 928 12th Street.

For more information about mental health services in Weld County, visit the North Range Behavioral Health website at www.northrange.org. If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call 970-347-2120 or 844-493-8255.

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