

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, perinatal mental health is an issue of great concern to mothers, fathers and families, as well as their healthcare providers, and is, therefore, of interest to Leon County; and,

**WHEREAS**, many women and men are not screened or treated for, nor sufficiently informed about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders because they may lack comprehensive health care, the understanding of the disorder or where to go for help and care; and,

**WHEREAS**, perinatal mood and anxiety disorders do not discriminate as families of all races, income levels, ages and backgrounds are impacted profoundly, contributing to developmental and behavioral outcomes and attachment disorders in the young children of afflicted women and men; and,

**WHEREAS**, increased education and heightened awareness of the incidence of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders is critical for all citizens of Leon County and perinatal mood and anxiety disorders are treatable with timely therapeutic interventions, community-based supportive services, and medications; and interventions, community-based supportive services, and medications are used to treat the disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that citizens, communities, service providers and support systems have a greater understanding of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, the spectrum of symptoms, and critical factors in identifying mothers and fathers at risk in order to provide timely diagnosis and treatment, as well as appropriate support through community services and referral systems that co-exist to facilitate recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Leon County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim** the second week in May, 2017 as


## “Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Week”

in Leon County, Florida and urge all citizens to be aware of this disorder and to seek treatment or to encourage others to seek assistance if needed.

**DATED** this 9th Day of May, 2017 A.D.

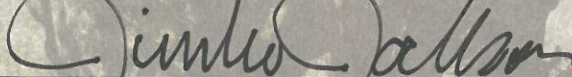


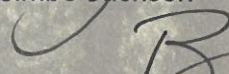
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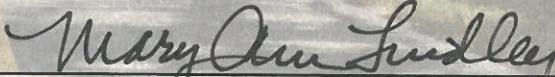
  
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