

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

From Mayor George Flaggs, Jr. and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Vicksburg, Mississippi

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and all people experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month is observed nationally in May to raise awareness about the importance of mental health, reduce stigma, and promote access to care and support for individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vicksburg is committed to supporting mental wellness, promoting public awareness and understanding of mental health, and ensuring that individuals have access to the resources they need; and

WHEREAS, River Ridge Behavioral Health — formerly known as Warren Yazoo Behavioral Health — has served as a vital community resource and provider of compassionate, quality mental health services for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, River Ridge Behavioral Health celebrates its 50th Anniversary, marking five decades of dedicated service, advocacy, and care for the residents of Vicksburg and Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Flaggs, Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, along with Thomas J. Mayfield, Ward I Alderman, and Alex J. Monsour, Jr., Ward II Alderman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as:

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in the City of Vicksburg and encourage all citizens, businesses, and community organizations to support efforts that promote mental health and wellness.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg on this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

George Paggs Jr.

Thomas J. Mayfjeld Alderman, Ward 1 Alex J. Monsour, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2