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Dear Town of New Paltz and Members of the Board,

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (**NAMI**) is a 501c(3) nonprofit charity. **NAMI** is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to providing support, free education, and advocacy to the 1 in 5 Americans and 1 in 5 children that are affected by mental health issues. **NAMI** has a state organization in all 50 states. **NAMI Mid-Hudson (NAMI-MH)** is one of the 1500 affiliates that span the nation. For over 40 years, **NAMI-MH** has been committed to bring mental wellness and increase mental health literacy regardless of race, gender, faith and socio-economic to Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

In the past, in honor of **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**; **NAMI NYS** and **NAMI-MH** along with our 28 other **NAMI NYS** affiliates tied white **NAMI** ribbons on trees, flag poles, and in areas of high visibility over the entire state of New York. **NAMI-MH** tied over 800 **NAMI** ribbons from Millerton, NY to Ellenville, NY. This campaign is an anti-stigma awareness campaign. Twenty-nine mental health agencies, businesses, and schools also participated in the campaign.

NAMI-MH respectfully asks the Town of New Paltz to join us again this year in our public awareness campaign for May 2022. We request permission to tie approximately ten **NAMI** (10) ribbons for the Month of May 2021. The Ribbons will be displayed on lampposts or on the public trees that are bordering the Village of New Paltz.

NAMI-MH would also like the Town of New Paltz to proclaim: **May is Mental Health Awareness Month** in your town.

NAMI-MH volunteers will be responsible for putting up the ribbons during the weekend of April 30th and remove them no later than June 1st, 2022.

The eco-safe ribbons will be the same as we used in past years: 4-inch-wide white splendorette ribbons with our **NAMI** logo, website information, and our message: **Find Help. Find Hope.**

We thank you in advance for supporting **NAMI-MH** in our mission to continue to preserve the dignity and improve the quality of life for all families, caregivers, and individuals living with a mental health condition and to eliminate the stigma of discrimination and prejudice surrounding mental health conditions. By advocating for a more compassionate community, **NAMI-MH** continues to save lives by changing the face on mental illness and bringing mental wellness to our community.

For more information, please visit our national website: **www.nami.org**, our state website: **www.naminys.org** our local website: **www.namimidhudson.org**.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Ann N. Brown".

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