

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 7 THROUGH 13, 2012 AS MENTAL ILLNESS
AWARENESS WEEK.

- § 1. WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, advocates, professionals, volunteers, and community members will devote the first full week of October to raising awareness of mental illness and make efforts to reduce the stigma; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, numerous agencies exist in Norman and work together to ensure those dealing with mental illness have the resources needed to live a productive life with hope and community while also working to raise awareness of mental illness and making efforts to reduce the stigma in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 through October 13, 2012, as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Norman, Oklahoma to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of October, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk