



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are different kinds of mental disorders characterized by different sets of symptoms that affect how people think, feel and behave. Symptoms can include depressed mood, extreme mood swings, disturbances in thought, or perception, obsessions of fears, or other overwhelming feelings of anxiety;

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;

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide;

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain;

WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and


WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-8, 2011 as

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in Greenville to increase public awareness of mental illness.

This 30th day of September, 2011.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor