

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of  
Mental Health Month 1992      )

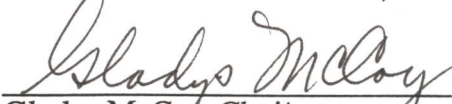
PROCLAMATION  
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- WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans of all ages suffer from a mental illness such as depression, schizophrenia, anxiety disorder, serious emotional disturbance, Alzheimer's disease, and others,
- WHEREAS, together, these different disorders make mental illness the most prevalent health problem in America today, more common than cancer, lung, and heart disease combined,
- WHEREAS, the two out of every three people who overcome the fear, prejudice and misunderstanding so often associated with mental illnesses to seek professional help, get better,
- WHEREAS, early recognition and treatment of these problems vastly increases the likelihood of restored health,
- WHEREAS, family, friends and co-workers play a key role in recognizing the early warning signs of mental illness,
- WHEREAS, community Mental Health Associations and other human service agencies and community support organizations have devoted a special period of the year to increase public awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illnesses since 1949, let it be hereby
- RESOLVED, that Multnomah County, along with community Mental Health Associations around the country, join forces with the leaders of our community to dispel the myths and falsehoods commonly associated with mental illness, increase recognition of the early warning signs, and create an environment where care can be sought and obtained without fear or shame.
- THEREFORE, The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners proclaims the month of May as Mental Health Month 1992.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1992



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Gladys McCoy, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Multnomah County, Oregon