

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

Mental Health Month May 2014

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, addressing early the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of Cowlitz County; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems can affect all areas of a person's life, including school, home and work; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems will strike one in five adults each year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, nearly 38,000 American lives are lost each year to mental illness; and

WHEREAS, all Americans – from combat veterans to hurricane victims – are vulnerable to chronic mental health problems associated with trauma and can benefit greatly from early identification and treatment; and

WHEREAS, people can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people with mental health problems go without the help they need; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen bears the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be

“Mental Health Month”

in the City of Longview, and call upon the Longview community to establish increased awareness and understanding of mental health and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 24th day of April 2014.

Don Jensen, Mayor