

**PROCLAMATION
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
MAY 2006**

WHEREAS, Mental health is important at every stage of life, and in our community; and

WHEREAS, Over 450 million people worldwide suffer from mental illness, causing astounding economic and social costs; and

WHEREAS, Over forty million American adults and over thirteen million American children suffer from some form of identifiable mental disorder annually, many resulting in premature death; and

WHEREAS, It has been documented in the past three years that 545,000 of the 2.5 million children in Michigan have a mental disorder; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County is working with the Michigan Mental Health Commission to transform Michigan's mental health system into a national model; and

WHEREAS, Mental illnesses affect and are affected by unremitting conditions such as cancer, heart and cardiovascular diseases, and HIV/AIDS. Untreated, they bring about unhealthy behavior, non-compliance with prescribed medical regimens, diminished immune functioning, and poor prognosis; and

WHEREAS, The President's New Freedom Commission proclaimed that mental disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims May 2006 as Mental Health Month in the City of Troy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy calls upon our agencies, schools, institutions and citizens to impart to our community increasing awareness and consideration of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Signed this 15th day of May 2006.