

1 [Proclamation of the month of May, 2002, as Mental Health Month.]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming the month of May, 2002, as Mental Health Month in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Mental health is indispensable to individual well-being, interpersonal and  
7 family relationships, and full and fulfilling community and social interaction; and

8 WHEREAS, Mental health is the underlying base for cognitive and communication  
9 skills, learning, emotional growth, resilience and self-esteem; and,

10 WHEREAS, Mental health and physical health are inextricably intertwined; and,

11 WHEREAS, Mental illness ranks second in the burden of disease in developed  
12 countries such as the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness are complicated by  
14 additional considerations such as language barriers and cultural differences, as well as by  
15 factors such as substance abuse; and

16 WHEREAS, the stigma still associated with mental illness deters those suffering from  
17 mental illness from seeking treatment, and results in isolation, depression, and loss of self-  
18 esteem; and

19 WHEREAS, the stigma still associated with mental illness reduces sufferers' access to  
20 resources and opportunities, deprives sufferers of their dignity, and may result in overt  
21 discrimination and abuse; and

22 WHEREAS, the stigma still associated with mental illness reduces general knowledge  
23 of the validity, causes and consequences of mental illness; and therefore also of the  
24 imperative need for continuing research, treatment, and understanding of mental illness; now,  
25 therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the month of May be proclaimed Mental Health Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco call on its residents, public and private agencies, institutions, businesses, schools and colleges to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness, and to recognize and respond to the need for appropriate and accessible services for those suffering from mental illness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commend all those – individuals, non-profit and public agencies, and other organizations and entities – who help those suffering from mental illness.



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May 6, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 6, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved