

# PROCLAMATION

## MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

**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; and

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

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

**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 wrongfully imposes productive lives; and

**Now, Therefore, I, Alice Norris**, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim the week of

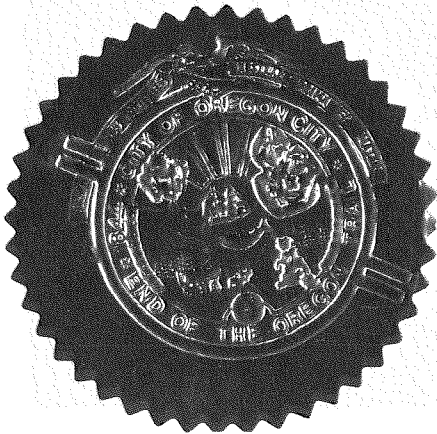
October 3-9, 2010

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***Mental Illness Awareness Week***

in Oregon City to increase public awareness of mental illness.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.



  
ALICE NORRIS, Mayor