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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH & NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

One in four Americans is living with a mental illness. It’s the people we care about; our families, friends and neighbors. The County of Los Angeles is committed to providing community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Individuals faced with mental illness can live happy, productive lives. Hope, Wellness and Recovery are possible for everyone. Mental health is not someone else’s issue. We can come together for a solution.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission have joined with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to raise awareness of mental health and mental illness by designating and declaring the entire month of May as “*Mental Health Awareness Month*”, as well as recognizing May 3rd as “*National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day*”.

Throughout May, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will promote mental health awareness and education via health fairs, conferences, public service announcements and a weekly Sunday morning radio show broadcast on KTLK-AM/1150.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the entire month of May 2011 as “*Mental Health Awareness Month*”, and recognize May 3rd as “*National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day*”, throughout the County of Los Angeles, and encourage County residents and their families to participate in community events, supported by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

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