

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Proclamation

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

MAY 2007



WHEREAS, mental health issues affect people of all backgrounds, ages, at all stages of life resulting in a serious impact on employment, relationships, physical health and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 District residents—nearly one in five—experience some mental illness or emotional disturbance each year; and

WHEREAS, mental illness pervades all parts of society and presents the second largest burden on our health care system behind cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, all people, with access to evidence based, culturally competent services and proper supports have the potential to be resilient in the face of serious mental and emotional challenges and experience positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is transforming its mental health system to ensure that adults and youth with psychiatric and emotional issues can live, work, learn and participate fully in their communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as “**MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**” in Washington, DC.



Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia