

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month provides an excellent public-education opportunity to highlight the stark realities of mental illness in our communities and to illustrate the importance of good mental health in the lives of all; and

WHEREAS, mental health is often given less consideration than physical health care, despite mental health being an integral component of overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, one in five Californians of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, and incomes suffers from mental illnesses like depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders; and

WHEREAS, stigma, cultural barriers, and lack of public awareness keep many mentally ill persons from seeking the treatment they need to stabilize and recover from their disorders; and

WHEREAS, public health agencies have a mandate to provide a model of care which ensures easy access to services and compassionate and effective treatment for the mentally ill, while fostering public awareness, eradicating stigma, and helping clients regain independence by finding the resources within themselves and the community to overcome the ravages of mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Moskowitz, Chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the Month of May, 2007, as ***Mental Health Month*** in Napa County, with the goal of increasing public awareness of severe mental illness and promoting greater understanding for those who suffer from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

Harold Moskowitz, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Gladys I. Coil,
Clerk of the Board