



## PROCLAMATION

### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH - MAY 2015

WHEREAS, Mental Health month has been observed since 1949 to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of mental health wellness for all; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness is a leading cause of disability in Colorado and the state has the eighth highest suicide rate in the country; and

WHEREAS, the stigma against mental illness remains one of the greatest barriers to improving the lives of all Coloradans through better mental health; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the City of Edgewater may be affected by mental illness regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status, and

WHEREAS, Good mental health is essential to the overall health and emotional wellbeing of all children, youth, adults and families; and promotes a healthy community

WHEREAS, Mental illnesses and substance use disorders are treatable, and recovery is possible when appropriate treatment services are available and accessible; and

WHEREAS, increased focus on the prevention of mental illness among youth through protective factors, healthy environments, screening and early intervention has the potential to save and improve countless lives; and

WHEREAS, The community health system is advancing the integration of treating mental health, physical health and substance use disorders together to realize better patient outcomes, reduced health care costs, and improved patient satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, Community mental health providers play a critical role in responding to local emergencies and tragic events and are an essential resource for healing individual and community trauma; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bonnie McNulty, Mayor of the City of Edgewater, do hereby proclaim May 2015, as Mental Health Month and call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our communities and resources to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, providing appropriate and accessible services for all citizens, and making mental health a priority. Signed this 7th day of May, 2015

*/s/ Bonnie McNulty, Mayor*