

**CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**Executive Proclamation**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the month of May, 2011, has been designated as “National Mental Health Awareness Month” to recognize and serve individuals with mental illness by the government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, mental illness is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of an individual to pursue self-determination, make choices, contribute to family and society and experience full in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends, members of the community, and professional advocates can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with mental illness, especially when provided with necessary support services; and

WHEREAS the goals of this city and state properly include providing individuals with mental illnesses the opportunities and support to make pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full and healthy inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the weekend of Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1, 2011, as

**JCM5K MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEKEND**

in the City of West Lafayette and call upon citizens of West Lafayette to observe the weekend with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of West Lafayette to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters advocating and promoting mental health.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette, at the Mayor’s Office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2011.

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John R. Dennis  
Mayor , City of West Lafayette

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Travis Dorsch  
Founder, Big Sky Foundation  
Executive Director, JCM5k