

## City of West Lafayette, Indiana Mayoral Proclamation Mental Health Awareness Week

WHEREAS, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually;

WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses;

WHEREAS, scientific research is constantly working toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives,

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness;

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I John Dennis, **Mayor of West Lafayette** do hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 2015 as Mental Health Awareness Week in West Lafayette, Indiana to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery.

---

John R. Dennis, Mayor  
City of West Lafayette