

Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

PROCLAMATION

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

WHEREAS World Mental Health Day is an education and awareness campaign designed to encourage people to talk, reflect and engage with others on the importance of mental health and the reality of mental illness; and

WHEREAS Nearly one in five Canadians will suffer a mental disorder in their lives. The remaining four Canadians will be affected by a mental illness through a family member, friend, or co-worker; and

- WHEREAS Of the 10 leading causes of disability worldwide, five are mental disorders: major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, substance abuse disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder, and 30 40% of disability claims are for depression; and
- WHEREAS Stigma is the number one reason people do not seek or receive treatment; and

WHEREAS Mental health literacy and education are vital in the prevention so early recognition will help reduce the severity of this disorder.

NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 10 AS

"WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO COOPERATE

