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CITY OF HAVERHILL

In Municipal Council

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The Surgeon General of the United States reports that 1 in 10 youth has mental health problems. More youth suffer with psychiatric illness than from leukemia, diabetes and AIDS combined. A growing number of children are recognized as having emotional and behavioral disorders each year; and an estimated 200,000 children and youth in Massachusetts exhibit some type of emotional disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** Children's mental health problems can have grave consequences such as school failure, family discord, alcohol and other drug use or violence. The general public lacks the information needed to fully understand children's emotional and behavioral disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** Every adult in our city can have a positive influence on the lives of the children around them through their efforts as parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, counselors and teachers and through membership in organizations, churches and business; and
- WHEREAS:** For over 50 years May has been nationally recognized as Mental Health Month. The National Mental Health Association indicates the necessity for immediate and wide ranging changes in our recognition, acceptance and service delivery to those in need; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Haverhill, along with family organizations, state and community agencies will participate in the month-long effort to increase awareness and access to mental health services. This effort will include workshops, exhibits, and other events aimed at raising community awareness for children's mental health in our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James J. Fiorentini, Mayor of the City of Haverhill, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 to be:

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

In Haverhill, and urge all of our citizens to participate in activities in recognition thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Haverhill to be affixed this 10th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



 James J. Fiorentini
 Mayor of the City of Haverhill

