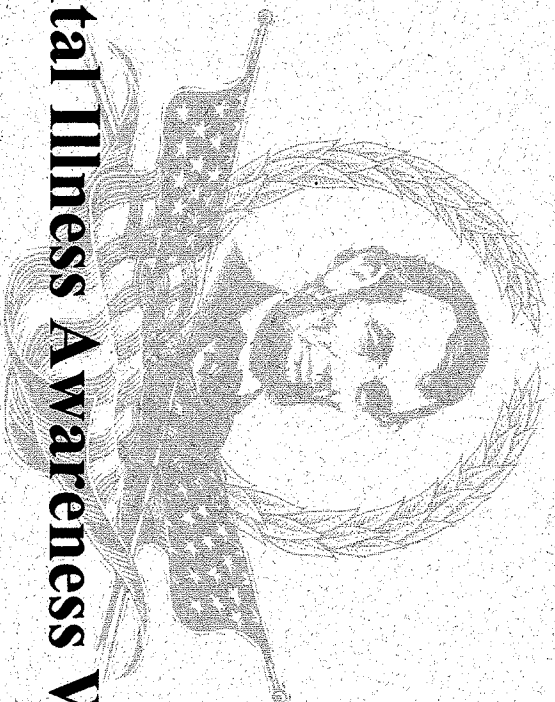


City of Lincoln Proclamation



“Mental Illness Awareness Week”

Whereas, serious mental illnesses affect one in every four people every year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); and

Whereas, these illnesses include major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder and post-traumatic stress disorders; and

Whereas, NAMI says serious mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide; and

Whereas, serious mental illnesses have been proven to be highly treatable illnesses, and scientific research is resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

Whereas, misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses, and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them,

Now, therefore, I, Chris Beutler, Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim October 3 through 9, 2010 as “Mental Illness Awareness Week” to increase public awareness of mental illness, to reduce the stigma attached to these illness and to promote research breakthroughs that are improving the lives of millions.



October 4, 2010

Date


Mayor Chris Beutler