

The Office of the Mayor
City of St. Anthony,
State of Idaho

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of St. Anthony and the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive and coordinated mental health services for children, youth and families places a critical responsibility on our community, and the participation of family members in assessment and treatment of children and adolescents is integral to positive clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a day should be set aside each year for the direction of our thoughts towards our children's mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the City of St. Anthony seeks to focus on the needs of children with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, the children and youth with emotional, behavioral, mental health, and substance use challenges did not choose to have these challenges and should not be shamed, isolated, or criminalized because of their illness or challenges. They must receive all the services and supports necessary to achieve their potential to enjoy life as caring and contributing members of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEILS THUESON, Mayor of the City of St. Anthony, Idaho do hereby proclaim May 9, 2013 to be

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

In St. Anthony, Idaho and do urge citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite on that day in observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of St. Anthony with the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for children and youth with mental health needs and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand on this the 11th
day of April, in the year of our Lord two
thousand and twelve

_____, Mayor of St. Anthony, ID