

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 R. CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 10, 2017 AS

## "WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY"

in the City of Burnaby and urge all citizens to cooperate enthusiastically in supporting the effort of this organization and encourage the public to learn more about this disability.

Derek R. Corrigan Mayor

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2017 A.D.