

*Proclamation
City of Woodland, Washington*

*Mental Health Month
May 2013*

*WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being;
and*

*WHEREAS addressing early the complex mental health needs of children, youth,
and families today is fundamental to the future of Cowlitz County; and*

*WHEREAS, mental health problems can affect all areas of a person's life,
including school, home and work; and*

*WHEREAS, mental health problems will strike one in five adults and children
each year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and*

WHEREAS, over 38,000 American lives are lost each year to suicide; and

*WHEREAS, all Americans – from combat veterans to hurricane victims – are
vulnerable to chronic mental health problems associated with trauma and can benefit
greatly from early identification and treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, people can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives
in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people with mental
health problems go without the help they need; and*

*WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider,
organization and citizen bears the burden of mental health problems and has a
responsibility to promote mental wellness.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grover Laseke, Mayor of the City of Woodland, do
hereby proclaim the month of May to be*

“Mental Health Month”

*in the City of Woodland, and call upon the citizens of Woodland, government agencies,
public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to
increasing awareness and understanding of mental health and the need for appropriate
and accessible services for all people with mental illness.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Woodland to be
affixed this 15th day of April, 2013.*

Grover B. Laseke, Mayor