

**CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, Mental health is important at every stage of life; and

WHEREAS, Over 450 million people worldwide suffer from mental illness, causing astounding economic and social costs; and

WHEREAS, Over forty million American adults, and over thirteen million children suffer from some form of identifiable mental disorder annually; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County is working with the Michigan Mental Health Commission in transforming Michigan's health system into a national model; and

WHEREAS, The President's New Freedom Commission proclaimed that mental disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and

WHEREAS, The National Mental Health Association, its partners and affiliates observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pat Somerville, Mayor of Rochester Hills, Michigan, do hereby declare May 2005 as Mental Health Month in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Seal to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2005 in the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

**Pat Somerville, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills**

