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**PROCLAMATION
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General states that mental health is fundamental to health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and contributes to community and society; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General confirms that mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that a range of treatments exists for most mental disorders and the efficacy of mental health treatments are well documented; and

WHEREAS, Bradford County has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of community mental health care have always been comprehensiveness, cost-efficiency, effective management and high-quality and consumer-responsive services, and these principles are now being adopted by private and public healthcare payers; and

WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness;

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Bradford County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim month of May 2011 as "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" in Bradford County. As County Commissioners, we also call upon all Bradford County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County of Bradford to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:


Gayle Kerahner, Chief Clerk



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