

## Proclamation declaring May 2014 as “Mental Health Awareness Month”

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health Wellness and Recovery is a relevant social concern for millions of adults, adolescents, children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, recovery is possible through appropriate medical, social and culturally responsive support services; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families living with mental health concerns share with all community members a right to fair and equitable practices and community processes in the pursuit of education, housing, and employment; and

**WHEREAS**, all stakeholders and community members can participate in efforts to effectively address and support the delivery of culturally responsive services and supports; thereby reducing recovery times, hospitalizations, and relapses; and

**WHEREAS**, the commitment must begin at the local community level to increase awareness, replace misinformation, and eliminate stigma about mental illness and to promote the understanding that people living with mental illness can and do lead productive and satisfying lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility rests with all community constituents to help ensure mental health services are available to all who need them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley does hereby proclaim May 2014 as “Mental Health Awareness Month” and encourages all citizens to promote the restoration of mental wellness in the community.

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Randy Pope, Mayor