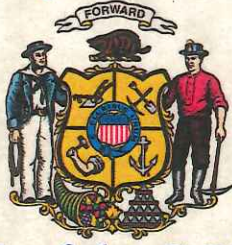


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; mental health is fundamental to the overall health and well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS; serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually; and

WHEREAS; serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS; scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS; misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and

WHEREAS; increased public awareness of mental health issues may lead to reduced stigma and discrimination, and earlier identification and treatment, leading to lower health care and correctional costs, increased productivity, and improved ability to contribute to healthier families and communities;

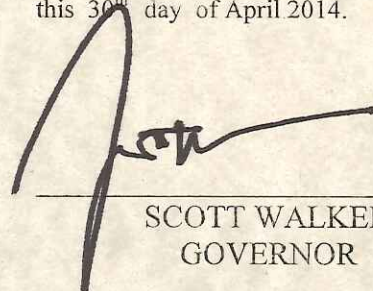
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2014, as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of April 2014.



SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State