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.

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Grover B. Laseke, Mayor