

## ***MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS,*** *the Mental Health Association of Central Florida was established in 1948 with a mission of compassion, advocacy and assistance to people with mental illness; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the association provides an organization of individuals, peers and volunteers who understand the challenges of 3,000 families a year who seek assistance by providing personalized mental healthcare in Central Florida; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *more than 1,000 volunteers have donated thousands of hours assisting as Guardian Advocates under the Baker Act as the voice for approximately 600 adults in crisis each year; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the Mental Health Association of Central Florida has partnered with Florida Hospital and Orange County for five years to treat patients in a free clinic for anxiety and depression; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the Mental Health Association of Central Florida is in the second year of a recovery program to provide a community of peers who support and encourage each other through the ups and downs of managing their illness; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the Mental Health Association of Central Florida has created a free long-term trauma and LGBTQ+ sensitive counseling program for individuals effected by the devastating Pulse tragedy; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the Mental Health Association of Central Florida continues to give hope and promise to local families with its ongoing campaign to eliminate stigma and to remind everyone that IT IS OKAY TO GET HELP!*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,*** *Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the first week of October 2016 as*

***“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK”***

*in the City of Orlando.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,*** *I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 26th day of September 2016.*