

PROCLAMATION

Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families is fundamental to the future of Philadelphia.

Today, in communities across the U.S., children and adolescents face serious challenges affecting their mental health. These challenges can have a negative impact on their quality of life, potentially prohibit them from making positive contributions to society, and ultimately jeopardize their future. Therefore, our community has a critical responsibility to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and easily accessible services to benefit their mental health status.

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (Awareness Day) promotes positive youth development, and the transformation of mental health services for America's youth. In support of Awareness Day, the Delaware Valley Art Association annually brings attention to the mental health challenges facing our youth, aiming to increase public and private dialogue that will hopefully lead to more healthy, productive lives.


In Philadelphia, Awareness Day 2011 will be hosted at the Please Touch Museum in Fairmount Park and will focus on building resilience in young children dealing with trauma. The Delaware Valley Art Association, through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and families in our region.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 3, 2011 as

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens to be aware of the fundamental necessity to meet every child's mental health needs.


Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and
Seal of the City of Philadelphia
on this third day of May, two
thousand and eleven

