

Proclamation

WHEREAS, good mental health is as important as physical health and is a foundational issue in ensuring a healthy childhood, success in school and hopeful futures; and

WHEREAS, despite our community's best efforts, more than one-fifth of children and adolescents nationwide will experience the signs and symptoms of a mental health disorder, yet only 20 percent of those children will get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health is a critically important issue that impacts all Minneapolitans; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health interventions can make a lasting improvement in the lives of every Minneapolis resident by improving educational outcomes, reducing juvenile crime and creating healthier, safer communities; and

WHEREAS, Washburn Center for Children is a 128-year-old organization which helps thousands of Minneapolis children and their families each year; and

WHEREAS, Washburn Center for Children is an integral part of a caring community, with parents, teachers and a wide range of community organizations turning to Washburn for help addressing children's mental health concerns; and

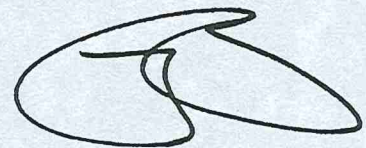
WHEREAS, Washburn Center for Children is the foremost children's mental health center in Minneapolis, and its clinical staff includes some of the leading clinicians in the city; and

WHEREAS, May 3, 2011 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R.T. RYBAK, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2011 as:

WASHBURN CENTER FOR CHILDREN DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

and I invite citizens to observe this day in recognition of Washburn Center for Children and its role in ensuring our children can continue to grow and thrive in a city where children's mental health is a priority



Mayor of Minneapolis

