

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS,** THE CITIZENS OF IOWA VALUE THEIR HEALTH AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND FELLOW CITIZENS OF IOWA; THEREFORE, THEY ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT OBSERVANCES SUCH AS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK; AND
- WHEREAS,** ONE IN TWENTY CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS HAVE A SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** ALMOST TWENTY-ONE PERCENT OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS AGED 9-17 IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER; NEARLY ELEVEN PERCENT SUFFER FROM A MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS THAT RESULTS IN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRED BEHAVIOR AT HOME, AT SCHOOL AND AMONG PEERS; FIVE PERCENT HAVE EXTREME FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT WITH THEIR ILLNESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS, ALONG WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, LEARN ABOUT THE WARNING SIGNS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND WHERE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** OBTAINING A FULL AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF A CHILD REQUIRES GATHERING INFORMATION FROM DIVERSE SOURCES, INCLUDING THE FAMILY, SCHOOL AND OTHERS INVOLVED WITH THAT CHILD; AND
- WHEREAS,** EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS PROVIDE THEM BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES; THE PARTICIPATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IS INTEGRAL TO POSITIVE CLINICAL OUTCOMES; AND
- WHEREAS,** CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK WAS DEVELOPED BY FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS, TO FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; IT IS FITTING TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AMONG ALL IOWANS OF THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 4-10, 2008, AS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME
AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE
STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE
AT DES MOINES THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND EIGHT.**

**CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR**

ATTEST:

**CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE**