City of Hailey Proclamation
Mental Illness Awareness Week October 5-11, 2014

WHEREAS one in four adults experience mental illness every year and approximately half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age 24; and

WHEREAS, mental illness includes major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and borderline personality disorder; and

WHEREAS, mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness affecting the brain and requiring the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, scientific research is constantly working toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness that discourages people from seeking help when they need it; and

WHEREAS every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Fritz X. Hammerle, Mayor of City of Hailey, Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 5 through October 11, 2014, as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Hailey, Idaho, to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2014 and approved by the Hailey City Council in their regularly scheduled meeting.

Fritz X. Hammerle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cone, City Clerk