

**TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
COMMON COUNCIL**

A PROCLAMATION

**MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 5 – 11, 2014**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to health, every individual, family and community must understand that mental health is an essential part of overall health and we must increase suicide prevention by reducing the stigma of seeking care; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to eliminate disparities in mental health by promoting well-being for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, place of residence or age and ensure equity of access, delivery of services and improvement of outcomes, through public and private partnership to ensure culturally competent care to all; and

WHEREAS, consumers and families must have the necessary information and the opportunity to exercise choice over their care decisions, including individualized plans of care, expanded supported employment, enhanced rights protections, better criminal and juvenile justice diversion and re-entry programs, improve access to housing, and end chronic homelessness; and

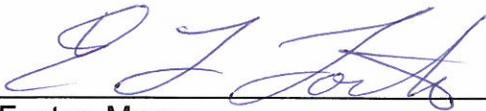
WHEREAS, every individual must have the opportunity for early and appropriate mental health screening, assessment and referral to treatment; and

WHEREAS, adults and children with mental illness must have ready access to evidence-based best treatments, services and supports leading to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the mental health system must inform consumers, providers and public policy with quality, accessible and accountable information supporting improved care and information dissemination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the **Common Council** of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, does hereby proclaim October 5 – 11, 2014, as Mental Illness Awareness Week in the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, to increase public awareness of mental illness and in so doing to promote greater access to effective treatments for those who suffer from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Quartzsite, La Paz County, Arizona, on the 23rd day of September, two thousand fourteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Quartzsite to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Ed Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tina Abriani, Town Clerk