

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**PROCLAMATION  
PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2014  
AS TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Good health is a key component of a long, productive and fulfilling life; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting observances that raise awareness about serious neurological disorders, such as Tourette Syndrome (TS), offer individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families an opportunity to educate the public about this disorder, and to advocate for all the needs of children and families who live with Tourette Syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder, characterized by involuntary and sudden movements and repeated vocal sounds, called “tics.” TS can strike people of all ethics and racial backgrounds, with males effected three to four times more often than females; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 2% of the population in the United States may have TS, and due to a lack of information and understanding about the disorder, many thousands remain untreated and undiagnosed. This lack of public awareness has also increased the social stigma attached to TS; and

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome typically begins in childhood, with 1 in 100 school-age boys and 1 in 300-400 school-age girls affected, with symptoms generally appearing before age 10, and sometimes requiring lifelong treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, There is no known cure for Tourette Syndrome and early diagnosis and treatment of TS can prevent physical and psychological harm; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to increase awareness, understanding and support for Tourette Syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2014 through June 15, 2014 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, and urge all citizens to recognize the signs of this neurological disorder, the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, and show support to the children and families who live with TS.

PROCLAIMED, THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary