

*Office of the County Judge  
Fort Bend County, Texas*

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** one in five American adults and children are affected by a mental illness; and

**WHEREAS,** mental health problems do not discriminate regardless of race, creed, age limit or economic status; and

**WHEREAS,** people with mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** untreated or under treated mental illness costs public and private employers billions of dollars annually through absenteeism, turnover, low productivity and increased medical costs; and

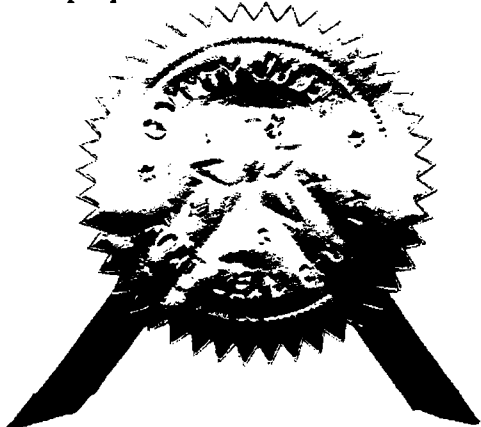
**WHEREAS,** MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF FORT BEND COUNTY has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care in which all residents can receive high-quality and consumer-responsive services; and

**WHEREAS,** National Mental Health America, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 as:

## *Mental Health Month*

and call upon all Fort Bend County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental disabilities.



*In Witness Whereof,* I have caused the Official Seal of the County Judge to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Hebert", written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge