

Proclamation

MAD Pride Week

July 14 - 20, 2008

WHEREAS men and women around the world, from all walks of life and age groups, face difficulties and challenges in their mental health at some time during their lives.

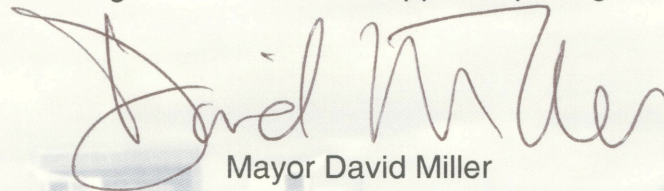
Emotional trauma has profound consequences that have an economic impact on society and on the quality of life of individuals and families.

Service organizations and agencies in our community raise public awareness about the discrimination and stigma attached to mental health. Individuals including artists, also help increase awareness through their art, educational endeavours and other supporting actions and efforts.

They fight against discrimination, injustice and for human rights in order to empower and improve the quality of life for psychiatric survivors and others marginalized and disadvantaged by our society.

We must all be committed to the values of acceptance, self-determination, respect of individuality and strong belief in the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Miller, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 14 - 20, 2008** as "**MAD Pride Week**" in the City of Toronto and encourage all residents to support equal rights for everyone.



Mayor David Miller