

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Mental Health Month

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Representatives from the County's Adult Mental Health Roundtable, mental health providers have requested the Henderson County Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Month.

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Proclamation Mental Health Month – Silent No More

- WHEREAS,** May is Mental Health Month which has provided an opportunity to raise awareness about mental health issues for more than 50 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Mental Health America launched “Mental Health Week”, which eventually became “May is Mental Health Month”, in 1949; and
- WHEREAS,** Each May, Americans recognize Mental Health Month with events and activities in communities across the country. The theme for Mental Health Month this year is "Get Connected" to emphasize the important role of social relationships in protecting and improving mental health and building resiliency; and
- WHEREAS,** Locally, we have *NAMI Four Seasons*, providing advocacy, education, and support to local citizens, and *Sixth Avenue*, the non-profit center for adult mental health and their psychosocial rehabilitation program called Sixth Avenue West Clubhouse as the center for ‘getting connected’ and promoting meaningful and social relationships; and
- WHEREAS,** These two non-profit agencies are joined by a host of other for profit agencies, local non-profit social service agencies, governmental, federal, and county agencies promoting and educating our citizens about mental health, integrated across a diverse and broad continuum of missions and populations; and
- WHEREAS,** Henderson County has long promoted mental health with its’ allocation of Maintenance of Effort funding; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of May as Mental Health Month, and encourages all citizens to support advocacy, education, and support of all of our citizens and the hopeful and future elimination of stigma toward those living with mental illness, their families, their friends, and their co-workers.

Adopted this the 3rd day of May, 2010.

WILLIAM L. MOYER, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD