

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2001 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, mental health is critical for the well being as vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, mental illness will strike one in five Americans in a given year regardless of age, gender, race ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, one in five children suffers from a diagnosable mental or emotional disorder, and one in ten has a serious disorder which, if untreated, can lead to school failure, addiction, and even suicide;

WHEREAS, mental disorders, collectively, make mental illness the most prevalent health problem in America today – more common than cancer, lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of community mental healthcare have always been comprehensiveness, cost-efficiency, effective management, and high quality and person-centered services; and

WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, and their partners observe Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illness; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May, 2001 as Mental Health Month in Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners also calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the County to recommit our community to increase awareness and understanding of mental illnesses and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people.