

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2002 AS MENTAL ILLNESS
AWARENESS MONTH IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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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, with proper care, recovery is an obtainable goal so that every individual can have the opportunity for a quality life of personal choice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2002 as Mental Illness Awareness Month in Washtenaw County

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