

Miscellaneous Resolution #09094

BY: Commissioner Helaine Zack, District #22 and Michael J. Gingell, District #3

RE: Board of Commissioners – Declaring May 2009 – Mental Health Month in Oakland County

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

WHEREAS, one in four (25%) of all Americans experience a mental health illness that requires treatment at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious mental illness that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance use, jail and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, May 7th has been designated the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, stigma and stereotypes associated with mental illnesses often keeps those living with such an illness from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life and help them manage the illness effectively; and

WHEREAS, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through "will power" and is not related to a defect in a person's "character" or intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that mental disorders are the leading cause of disability in the United States and Canada for ages 15-44; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery is a journey of healing and transformation enabling a person with a mental illness to live a meaningful life in a community of his or her choice while striving to achieve his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery not only benefits individuals with mental health disabilities by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn and fully participate in our society, but also enriches the texture of our community life; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority has established and is committed to empowering the individuals we serve to live full self-determined lives, embracing recovery, resilience responsibility and independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of May, 2009 as Mental Health Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools of Oakland County to recommit themselves to increasing the awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses to promote recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and to all of the cities, villages and townships in Oakland County.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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Moved by Zack supported by Gingell to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #09094 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – DECLARING MAY 2009 – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN OAKLAND COUNTY.

Vote on motion to suspend the rules:

AYES: Nash, Potter, Potts, Schwartz, Scott, Taub, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Capello, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Greimel, Hatchett, Jackson, Jacobsen, Long, McGillivray, Middleton. (22)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the motion to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #09094 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – DECLARING MAY 2009 – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN OAKLAND COUNTY carried.

Moved by Zack supported by Gingell the resolution be adopted.

AYES: Potter, Potts, Schwartz, Scott, Taub, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Capello, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Greimel, Hatchett, Jackson, Jacobsen, Long, McGillivray, Middleton, Nash. (22)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.



I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION
ACTING PURSUANT TO 1973 PA 139

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on April 23, 2009, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 23rd day of April, 2009.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk