

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Tracking Number: 7.

Date of Request: May 1, 2008

Date Request Received: May 1, 2008

Board Meeting Date Requested: May 19, 2008

Board Meeting Date Assigned: May 19, 2008

Short Title: Proclamation By The Pender County Board Of County Commissioners: May Is Mental Health Month: 2008.

Request Status:
 Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners
 More information is needed – see attached
 Request on hold – no further information needed
 Other:

Background: May is the month annually designated as Mental Health Month. Southeastern Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, & Substance Abuse Services requested this proclamation be presented to the Board.

(Administrative Use Only)

Specific Action Requested: Accept the Proclamation.

CONTRACT TYPE

Requested by: Art Costantini
Department:
Title: Southeastern Center
Contact Phone: 910-251-6440
Contact Fax:

- Renewal
- For Service(s)
- Intergovernmental – County as Grantee
 - Federal Grantor
 - State Grantor
 - Grant or
- County as Grantor
 - County Funds
 - Other Funds:
- Revision
- For Equipment

PURCHASING Budgeted Item: Yes No
Date Rec'd: Reviewed and Approved
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

ATTORNEY Reviewed and Approved
Date Rec'd: Legal Problem(s)
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

FINANCE Sufficient Funds Available
Date Rec'd Not Available
 Budget Amendment Necessary
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

CLERK Signature(s) Required:
 Board Chairman/County Manager
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board: Yes No
At meeting on

PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER OUNTYTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being; and

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

WHEREAS, many people who have mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives, but the stigma surrounding mental illness can prevent people from seeking the medical attention they need; and

WHEREAS, all Americans, including combat veterans and hurricane victims, are vulnerable to chronic mental health problems associated with trauma and can benefit greatly from early identification and treatment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need and nearly 30,000 American lives are lost each year to suicide and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illness and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments and families has grown to over \$100 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, community-based services that respond to the needs of the individual and family are cost-effective and beneficial to consumers and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month is observed every May nationwide by advocacy organizations to raise awareness and understanding of issues related to mental health and to eradicate the stigma associated with seeking mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Pender County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2008, as **Mental Health Month** in Pender County and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Pender County to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for accessible services for all people who suffer from mental disorders.

This 19th day of May, 2008

James David Williams, Jr., Chairman

Clerk to the Board