



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**ITEM NO.** 12.

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 19, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Glenda Pridgen, Administrative Assistant

**SHORT TITLE:** Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: May is Mental Health Month

**BACKGROUND:** The proclamation was requested by Southeastern Mental Health Center.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** Review and approve the proclamation.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

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**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached proclamation to approve May is Mental Health Month is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate \_\_\_ Blanchard \_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman      4/5/10  
Date

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ATTEST      4/5/10  
Date



***PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY 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 2010, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2010.

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

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Rick Benton, County Manager