



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: May 5, 2014

REQUESTED BY: CoastalCare (Southeastern Center for Mental Health)

SHORT TITLE: Kate Murphy, Member Communication Specialist, CoastalCare: Presentation of Proclamation for Mental Health Month: May, 2014; & Resolution by the Pender County Board of Commissioners Authorizing Adoption of the Proclamation.

BACKGROUND: CoastalCare is the local government agency that provides access and oversight of services for Mental Health, Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use. CoastalCare serves five counties including Brunswick, Carteret, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender. CoastalCare requests that a Board member read the proclamation and a representative will be in attendance to receive it.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing adoption of the attached proclamation entitled May is Mental Health Month: May, 2014.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.


Initial

RESOLUTION

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

the attached proclamation entitled May is Mental Health Month: May, 2014 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: Williams ___ McCoy ___ Brown ___ Tate ___ Ward ___

J. David Williams, Chairman 5/5/14
Date

ATTEST 5/5/14
Date



**PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH: MAY 2014**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, forty-percent of those living with mental illness have been arrested one or more times, and one in three of those experiencing homelessness also suffer from severe mental illness; 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; 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 eliminate the stigma associated with seeking mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Pender County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2014, 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 5th Day of May, 2014.

J. David Williams, Chairman

Michael N. Duvall, Clerk to the Board