

Regular Agenda  
10:00 am

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**FROM:** Leslie Locke, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**DATE:** October 3, 2011

**SUBJECT:** PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming October 2-8, 2011 as Mental Illness Awareness Week

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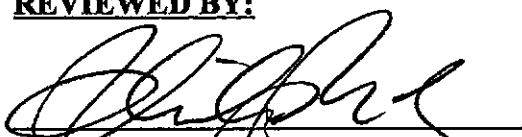
**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

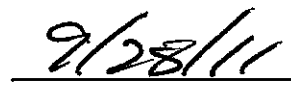
A request from Darlene Grunke, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has been received for approval of the proclamation proclaiming October 2-8, 2011 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 2-8, 2011 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

  
Date

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, one in Five Americans will be affected by mental illness that will create a disruption in their life, and the life of their family; and

*WHEREAS*, undiagnosed mental illness can lead to suicide, incarceration, substance abuse and other harmful consequences; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a Presidential Proclamation recognizes the week of October 2-8, 2011 as Mental Illness Awareness Week; and

*WHEREAS*, Mental Illness Awareness Week seeks to increase people's understanding of the devastating impact of mental illness on the lives of individuals, their families and friends, and seeks to promote early diagnosis and treatment; and

*WHEREAS*, while there is no cure for mental illness, there are effective treatment options that can help those with mental illness lead fulfilling lives.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Jefferson County, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-8, 2011 as

## **MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

and encourage all residents of Jefferson County to educate themselves about mental illness, participate in educational activities and if necessary engage themselves or their families in a successful treatment program.

*PROCLAIMED* this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Austin, Chairman

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Raina Randall,  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member