

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Julie Shannon, Executive Secretary I

DATE: October 7, 2013

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 as Mental Illness Awareness Week


STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

A request from Darlene Grunke, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has been received for approval of the proclamation proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

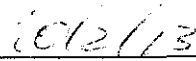
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 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 6-12, 2013 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 seek 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 6-12, 2013 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 7th day of October, 2013.

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SEAL:

John Austin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Carolyn Avery
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member