

RESOLUTION 051901

Proclaiming the month of May 2005 as Mental Health and Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County; authorizing Rick Werner, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services to prepare a letter in support of Senate Bill 116, the Mental Health Parity Bill, to be sent to the Ohio General Assembly.

WHEREAS, National Mental Health Month was first observed in 1949, and has helped to improve the health and lives of millions of Americans by letting people know that caring for their minds, as well as their bodies, is good for overall health and key to their success at home, at work and at school.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board has once again added "Recovery" to the title of the month to draw attention to the fact that people can achieve personal recovery from mental illness.

WHEREAS, during the month of May, millions of Americans will be honoring the challenges encountered by mental illness, celebrating the many recoveries and providing good information about mental health and recovery to dispel myths surrounding mental illness.

WHEREAS, over 280,000 people in Cuyahoga County, approximately one out of five people, need a helping hand with some type of mental illness.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health System, consisting of over 35 mental health provider agencies, provides community mental health services to nearly 11,000 children and over 17,000 adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2005 as Mental Health and Recovery Month in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rick Werner, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services be, and he is, hereby authorized to prepare a letter in support of Senate Bill 116, the Mental Health Parity Bill, to be sent to the Ohio General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of the resolution to William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and one copy to Rick Werner, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board pro tem

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