

STATE OF MICHIGAN
LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #2024-11 5/22/2024

Resolution Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month

Whereas, May is Mental Health Awareness month; and

Whereas, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

Whereas, stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mason recognize that stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

Whereas, one out of every five adults in the U.S. will have a diagnosed mental health condition in any given year; and

Whereas, one in six U.S. children aged 2 to 8 years will have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder; and

Whereas, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through "will power" and is not related to a defect in a person's "character" or intelligence; and

Whereas, West Michigan Community Mental Health is a federally certified community behavioral health clinic, and

Whereas, West Michigan Community Mental Health serves as the public behavioral health care provider for people with mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, and/or substance use disorders in Mason, Lake and Oceana counties; and

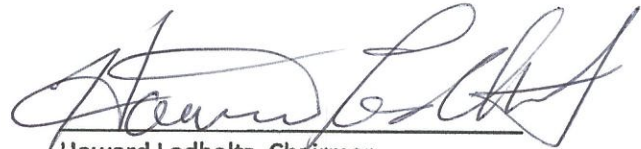
Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake hereby recognizes May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month and calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness to promote recovery.

Motion by: Kris Baymond Seconded by: Bob Sanders, to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Ayes (name): Fuller, S. Baymond, R. Baymond

Nays (name): Sanders, Welford, Baldwin, P. Feilholz
none

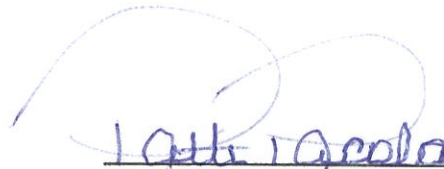
Absent (name): none



Howard Lodholtz, Chairman
Lake County Board of Commissioner

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF LAKE) SS

I, Patti Pacola, Lake County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution #2024-11 adopted by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on May 22, 2024.



Patti Pacola/Lake County Clerk
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

