

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INITIATED BY



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Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

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DATE DRAFTED

TO RECOGNIZE MAY, 2017 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

1 **WHEREAS**, May has been designated as Mental Health Awareness Month since 1949; and,
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3 **WHEREAS**, the Behavioral Health Division of Rock County Human Services is committed
4 to delivering high quality services to citizens of Rock County living with mental illness and
5 does so for nearly 5,000 consumers each year; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, over 20% of Wisconsinites and Americans have a mental health condition; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, over half of those with a mental health condition do not receive treatment; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, almost 4% of Wisconsinites and Americans report serious thoughts of suicide;
12 and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, recovery from mental illness is achievable and realistic but the stigma
15 associated with seeking treatment is often a barrier; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is committed to joining with consumers and community partners
18 to fight stigma and work to inspire hope for individuals living with mental illness; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, all citizens of Rock County should be supported to contribute to our quality of
21 life.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors,
24 duly assembled this 11th day of May, 2017, does hereby recognize the
25 month of May, 2017 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Respectfully Submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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Executive Summary

May 2017 - Mental Health Awareness Month

This resolution recognizes that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Behavioral Health Division of Rock County Human Services is committed to delivering high quality services to citizens of Rock County living with mental illness and does so for nearly 5,000 consumers each year.

Recovery from mental illness is achievable and realistic but the stigma associated with seeking treatment is often a barrier. Rock County is committed to joining with consumers and community partners to fight stigma and work to inspire hope for individuals living with mental illness.