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PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of May is annually recognized nationally and throughout our State as Mental Health Month in celebration of the efforts to eliminate social stigma attached to mental illness and to provide hope and recovery; and

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals and families across the U.S. have and will experience the symptoms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental illness can affect people of every race, ethnicity, gender, religion and socioeconomic group in our society; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of mental illness can be managed or eliminated through early intervention, or comprehensive treatment services and intervention; and

WHEREAS, we must eliminate the social disparity that exists in society's willingness to equally accept mental illness in the same manner as physical ailments, allowing individuals to freely step forward and access the support and services that lead to hope and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors in recognition of the importance of eliminating the social stigma attached to individuals experiencing mental illness and in embracement of the concept that individuals who experience mental illness can recover, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as "**Mental Health Month in the County of San Benito.**"

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors on this 25th day of April 2017.

Jaime De La Cruz, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors