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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN SAN BENITO COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in every five U.S. adults, or more than 43 million people experience mental illness every year. Mental illness is associated with billions of dollar in care and lost productivity each year; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of mental illness can be managed or eliminated through early intervention, 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 illness, allowing individuals to step forward and freely and access support and services that lead to hope and recovery; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of eliminating social stigma attached to individuals experiencing mental illness and embraces the belief that individuals experiencing mental illness can recover, we do hereby resolve that the month of May 2019 is Mental Health Month in the County of San Benito.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 7th day of May 2019.

Mark Medina, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors