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NAMI Walks Los Angeles County

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Walks is the organization’s nationwide signature fundraising event that has become the largest and most successful mental health awareness and fundraising event in the country. NAMI Walks Los Angeles County will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Grand Park Event Lawn.

This year, NAMI Walks Los Angeles County is celebrating its 14th anniversary. In the past, County employees have generously supported this voluntary effort by forming teams of walkers and participating in various fundraising events. It is important that the County continues the tradition of supporting individuals affected by mental illness through participation in the 2017 NAMI Walks Los Angeles County Campaign. Funds raised from NAMI Walks Los Angeles County enable NAMI to offer no-cost support and education programs for families and individuals living with mental illness.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Department of Mental Health to conduct countywide fundraising activities and other special events in support of the 2017 NAMI Walks Los Angeles County Campaign from now through December 2017.
2. Authorize the Director of Personnel and Director of Internal Services to provide necessary support for the NAMI Walks Los Angeles County Campaign.
3. Encourage all County employees and Department/District Heads to voluntarily participate in the 2017 NAMI Walks Los Angeles County Campaign, in an effort to raise mental health awareness throughout the County.

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