

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND SHEILA KUEHL

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**NAMIWalks 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. NAMIWalks 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. NAMIWalks Los Angeles County will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Grand Park Event Lawn.

This year, the local affiliates of NAMI Los Angeles County will celebrate the NAMIWalks 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary by living true to this year’s theme “Making Waves in Mental Health”. The vigorous 5K walk will raise mental health awareness and serve as an inspiration to all those who have experienced or been affected by mental illness. All people who experience a mental illness should have the opportunity to live a meaningful life with appropriate support. With the funds raised at this annual event, NAMI pledges their commitment to providing no-cost support and education programs for families and individuals living with a mental illness. We encourage all County residents to join the movement towards mental health for all.

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**I, THEREFORE,** move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as “NAMIWalks Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage employees and their families to participate in this event.
2. Authorize the Department of Mental Health to conduct countywide fundraising activities and other special events in support of the 2018 “NAMIWalks” Los Angeles County Campaign from now through December 2018.
3. Authorize the Director of Personnel and Director of Internal Services to provide necessary support for the “NAMIWalks” Los Angeles County Campaign.
4. Encourage all County employees and Department/District Heads to voluntarily participate in the 2018 “NAMIWalks” Los Angeles County Campaign, in an effort to raise mental health awareness throughout the County.

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