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“Mental Health Awareness Week”

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual observance, created by Presidential proclamation in 1986 to recognize “the urgent need to educate the American public about mental illnesses and their treatments,” and in recognition of the National Alliance on Mental Illness’ efforts to raise mental illness awareness.

Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment. The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and societal interactions.

The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health have joined the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the week of October 7th-13th.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles do hereby proclaim the week of October 7th-13th as “Mental Health Awareness Week” throughout the County of Los Angeles in an effort to raise awareness about mental illness, treatment options, and the hope it offers among the County’s ten million residents and others across the nation.

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