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“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

The County of Los Angeles is committed to providing access to mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and vital to personal well-being, and family and interpersonal relationships.

Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and the co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment.

The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and the Department of Mental Health have joined Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the month of May 2009. The department and commission will co-sponsor the Annual Recognition Awards in May. Mental health communities around the county will hold special events in May.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2009 as “Mental Health Awareness Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage employee participation in celebrating May 2009 as “Mental Health Month.”

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