

Proclamation

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health, productivity and well-being; and

WHEREAS, one in four American adults are affected by a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems do not discriminate; they affect people regardless of race, creed, age, lifestyle, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery is possible with proper treatment and support empowering mental health consumers to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, Polk County, North Carolina, has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness, and is observing Mental Health Month in May as part of that commitment.

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Partnership observes Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, we commend the Mental Health Professionals for their outstanding work improving the quality of life for individuals with mental disabilities in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Polk County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May in the year 2017 as:

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

In, Polk County, North Carolina and call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Polk County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Adopted this 25th day of April, 2017

Attest:

Tommy W. Melton, Chairman
Polk County Board of Commissioners

Angé High, Clerk to the Board