



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2016 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, since 1949, Congress has officially recognized May as “Mental Health Month”; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity to educate the public regarding the importance of mental health and the realities of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental illness will strike members of our society regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for the well being of our families, businesses, and community; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental illness results in many indirect costs to society such as lost productivity, increased use of general medical services, crime/incarceration, use of social welfare benefits, and there is also the far-reaching, incalculable human impact on the individuals themselves who are not able to access or receive adequate treatment; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders are real, common, and treatable, and yet the stigma and stereotypes associated with mental illness can keep those living with such an illness from seeking treatment that could improve their life and manage their illness effectively; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 36 (The Mental Health Services Act) is transforming the way California provides mental health services and benefits all Californians through its focus on the meeting the comprehensive needs of individuals and families and by providing services designed to prevent more costly interventions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we, as a society, look beyond and eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness and work together with compassion to create a mental health system where access is easier, and services are more effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approves this Resolution proclaiming May 2016 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Nevada County.