



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Presenter: Billy Kirk

Submitting Dept: General Services

Subject: Mental Health Month

Statement / Purpose:

The Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center, in partnership with other local groups working in the field of mental health, has requested that the Teton County Board of Commissioners formally proclaim May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons):

Various mental health organizations in Teton County are working together to raise awareness of mental health issues in the community. Several upcoming events and active campaigns will focus on raising awareness, providing education, and reducing stigma around mental health issues. These issues affect the entire community, and supporting this work is an important component of promoting a good quality of life in Teton County.

Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement:

The Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center (JHCCC) contacted representatives from Teton County to formally request that the Board of Commissioners proclaim May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month to show support for the activities mentioned above. JHCCC provided information on events and campaigns related to these efforts, as well as background information about the impacts of mental health issues in Teton County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Impact:

N/A

Legal Review:

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Staff Input / Recommendation:

Approve the attached resolution to proclaim May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Teton County.

Attachments:

Resolution #18-010

Suggested Motion:

I move to proclaim May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Teton County per Resolution #18-010.

Resolution # 18-010

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, mental illness is a leading cause of disability in the United States affecting nearly one in five adults and one in thirteen children, and access to early treatment can significantly improve outcomes and lead to a better quality of life;

WHEREAS, prevention and stigma reduction are effective methods for reducing the burden of mental health conditions, and can lead to effective treatment for individuals with mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, mental health conditions affect all members of the community, either directly or indirectly;

WHEREAS, access to effective treatment can assist those with mental health conditions to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, educational institution, healthcare provider, governmental agency, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health conditions in the community and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness, support prevention efforts, and work to educate themselves on local mental health needs and services that exist.

NOW THEREFORE, having duly met at a regular meeting on May 1, 2018, and having fully considered the matter, it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Teton County Board of Commissioners proclaims May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Teton County, Wyoming, and encourages all citizens, governmental agencies, public, private, and educational institutions to recommit our community to increase the understanding and awareness of mental health conditions and the need to reduce stigma related to mental illness, as well as highlight the need for appropriate and accessible mental health services.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Wyoming, on this 1st day of May, 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TETON COUNTY, WYOMING**

Mark Newcomb, Chair

Attest:

(Seal)

Sherry L. Daigle, Teton County Clerk