

Requesting Authorization To Proclaim May 2006 As “May Is Mental Health Month” – Mental Health

The Health Committee (Chairman Stoeckeler, Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Terpening, Busick and Roberti) and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, McAfee, Noonan, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, mental illness is a public health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities, and results in substantial medical, societal, and economic costs, and

WHEREAS, highly effective treatments for mental illnesses are available, making it possible for people with mental illness to recover and lead productive and satisfying lives, and

WHEREAS, the stigma of mental illness is one of the most significant reasons people do not seek treatment for their illness, causing millions of persons to suffer unnecessarily, and

WHEREAS, public education about mental illness is highly effective at addressing stigma, increasing access to treatment, and thereby improving the quality of life for persons with mental illness, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to join the Ulster County Community Services Board and the Local Government Unit in promoting public education about mental illness and reducing stigma, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Mental Health Department has requested that the Ulster County Legislature declare May 2006 as “May is Mental Health Month”, thereby bringing public attention to this matter by endorsing various community education activities, and

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as “May is Mental Health Month” in Ulster County,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 0
(Legislator Liepmann left at 7:30 PM)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Alfonso and Gerentine)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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