

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20061240

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Ceremonial Resolution recognizing Mental Health Awareness Week.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

4. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: #3

CP #1

5. MEETING DATE:

October 3, 2006

6. AGENDA:

CONSENT
 ADMINISTRATIVE
 APPEALS
 PUBLIC
 WALK-ON

**7. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE
(SPECIFY)**

STATUTE
 ORDINANCE
 ADMIN.
 CODE
 OTHER

8. REQUEST INITIATED:

COMMISSIONER _____
 DEPARTMENT County Commission
 DIVISION _____
 BY: _____

9. BACKGROUND:

10. REVIEW FOR SCHEDULING

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11. COMMISSION ACTION

Approved
 Deferred
 Denied
 Other



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas:** Mental health is essential to overall wellness. Every individual, family and community must understand and support this premise. We must strive to increase awareness of mental health issues in order to reduce discrimination and the resulting barriers that prevent people from seeking care; and
- Whereas:** It is essential to eliminate disparities in mental health by promoting well-being for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, place of residence or age, and ensure equity of access, delivery of services and improvement of outcomes, through public and private partnerships, to ensure culturally competent care for all; and
- Whereas:** Consumers and families must have the necessary information and the opportunity to exercise choice over their care decisions, including individualized plans of care, expanded supported employment, enhanced rights protections, better criminal and juvenile justice diversion and re-entry programs, improved access to housing, and insurance parity; and
- Whereas:** Every individual must have the opportunity for early and appropriate mental health screening, assessment and referral to treatment; and
- Whereas:** Adults and children with brain disorders must have ready access to evidence-based best practice treatments, services and supports leading to recovery and re-integration into their community; and
- Whereas:** The mental health system must inform consumers, providers and those who create public policy with qualitative, accessible and accurate information supporting improved care and information dissemination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2006 as:

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in Lee County, Florida to increase public awareness of severe brain disorders and in so doing to promote greater access to effective treatments for those who cope from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

Duly Executed this 3rd day of October 2006.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairwoman