RESOLUTION

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

- WHEREAS, mental illness will strike one in four Americans in a given year without regard to age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and
- WHEREAS, one in five children suffers from a diagnosable mental illness, emotional, or behavioral disorder, and one in ten has a serious disorder, which, if left untreated, can lead to school failure, substance abuse, and even suicide; and
- WHEREAS, the causes of brain disorder are not fully understood, but the illnesses are treatable and recovery is possible if those affected receive effective treatment, advocacy, and support; and
- WHEREAS, the Colonial Services Board, serving the citizens of James City County, celebrates National Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illness, and discrimination against people with mental illness; and
- WHEREAS, community treatment is an individual's best hope to develop his or her potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2003 as Mental Health Month.

Jay T. Harrison, Sr.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SUPERVISOR VOTE

Sanford B. Wanner

MCGLENNON AYE
BROWN AYE
GOODSON AYE
KENNEDY AYE
HARRISON AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

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Clerk to the Board