RESOLUTION

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 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 suffer from a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder and one in ten have a serious disorder which, if left untreated, can lead to school failure, substance abuse, and even suicide; and
- WHEREAS, the causes of brain disorders 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 members of the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, strive to improve the quality of life for all citizens; and
- WHEREAS, the Community Services Boards serving the Peninsula celebrate National Mental Health Month each year in May to raise awareness of mental health, mental illness, and discrimination against people with mental illnesses; 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, proclaims May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Jack D. Edwards

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR VOTE AYE NERVITT SISK AYE AYE MCGLENNON AYE **BRADSHAW** AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 11th day of May,

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