



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: Feb. 2017)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5/18/17
Agenda Item #: R.10
Est. Start Time: 11:15 am
Date Submitted: _____

Agenda Title: **Proclaiming May 2017 as Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon**

Requested

Meeting Date: May 18, 2017 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Health Department **Division:** MHASD

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David Hidalgo, Mental Health Director, LaKeesha Dumas, Office of Consumer Engagement Coordinator and invited guests

Presenters: _____

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of a proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County observes Mental Health Month every year. As the local mental health authority, we celebrate Mental Health Month to highlight the importance of mental health in our community and stand up against stigma.

Mental illness is treatable and people should seek help for their condition. Mental Health Month and other community events send a message to residents that there is hope, treatment is available, and people can and do recover from mental illness.

May has been observed nationally Mental Health Month for more than 60 years. The annual awareness month is organized by Mental Health America, a national mental health advocacy organization. This year's theme sheds light on the risk factors associated with mental illness.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Mental Health Addiction Services Division will participate in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk (NAMI Walk) on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ David Hidalgo

Date:

5/1/17