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PROCLAMATION 2022-15 **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month strives to reduce the stigma that surrounds mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that 16 million people experience a mental health problem each year; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna-Susquehanna BH/ID/EI Program has served more than 7,500 individuals in Susquehanna County in the fiscal year for 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, cognizance and prevention are effective ways to decrease the burden of mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, with early, effective and quality treatment, mental health condition treatments can improve and provide relief and assist people lead to build a full and productive life; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems, and has an obligation to promote mental wellness and to help support prevention efforts;

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna-Susquehanna BH/ID/EI Program provides services such as: inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment, case management services, forensic services, Supported Housing Services, Community Support Services to at risk adults and youth. In addition, the Program delivers a comprehensive variety of services to youth such as Community and School Based Behavioral Health Services, Student Assistance Program services, Residential Treatment Services, and Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services.

WHEREAS, additionally, in response to critical needs in Susquehanna County, and in conjunction with The Susquehanna County Board of Commissioners, the Program launched a Suicide Awareness Initiative. This initiative is focused on providing networking opportunities to educate the community on suicide risk factors and create linkages and support for schools, community organizations and other community stakeholders. In the upcoming Fiscal Year Susquehanna County residents will see the opening of a psychiatric rehabilitation program and the expansion of forensic services.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Commissioners of Susquehanna County declare the month of May 2022, to be Mental Health Awareness Month in Susquehanna County and urge all citizens of Susquehanna County to be aware of the multiple opportunities that the Lackawanna-Susquehanna BH/ID/EI Program brings to all our residents.

Adopted April 27, 2022

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