

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 283

Approved May 9, 2011

WHEREAS, East Bay Center, Inc. serves approximately three thousand (3,000) people;  
and

WHEREAS, East Bay Center, Inc. provides a vital safety net to our most vulnerable residents, children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Almost sixty million (60,000,000) Americans – one (1) in four (4) adults and one (1) in five (5) children have mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness drains our national economy of eighty billion dollars (\$80,000,000,000.00) annually in lost wages and decreased productivity; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug abuse contributes to the death of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) American; and

WHEREAS, On average, persons with mental illness die twenty-five (25) years earlier than those in the general population; and

WHEREAS, Up to ninety percent (90%) of people treated with a combination of medication and therapy are successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, Success rates for treating mental illness now exceed those of other leading physical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Organizations on a daily basis give hope to clients and their families who deal with mental illness and addictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the month of May be declared Mental Health Month to bring awareness to the people and their families whose lives are affected by this illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby declare May Mental Health Month.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED



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APPROVED



MAYOR

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