

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 175

Approved May 25, 2010

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

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

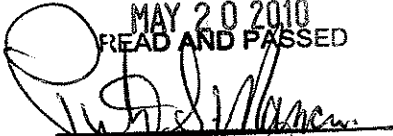

WHEREAS, Up to ninety percent (90%) of people treated with a combination of medication and therapy are successfully treated; and

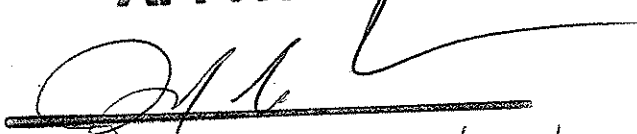
WHEREAS, Success rates for treating mental illness now exceed those of other leading physical illness; and

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 who's 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
MAY 20 2010
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

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MAYOR 5/25/10