



Legislation Text

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To designate October 4-10 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in the City of Columbus and to recognize the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Franklin County (NAMI Franklin County) as one of the Leading Mental Health Agencies providing education, support and advocacy services to the residents of Franklin County.

WHEREAS mental health is vital for the emotional, physical, and mental well-being of those with mental illness, their families, and our community; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults experience mental illness each year - one in six U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year, and 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14; and

WHEREAS, mental disorders, collectively, make mental illness the most prevalent health problem in America today, in fact it is more common than cancer and lung or heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles of community mental health care has been its commitment to a comprehensive, consumer-responsive delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, there is an exponential effect which is caused from failing to treat those affected by mental illness - these gaps in service contribute to homelessness, alcohol and drug addiction, school and work letdowns, suicide and other threats to the public good; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Franklin County has continued to diligently work toward its mission of providing free education, support, and advocacy to those with mental illness and their family of caregivers regardless of their clients age, gender, race, ethnicity, religious or economic status; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Franklin County has persistently worked to raise awareness about mental health, mental illness, and has continued to fight against the stigmas that are associated with mental illness; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby designate October 4-10 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in the City of Columbus and recognizes the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Franklin County (NAMI Franklin County) as one of the Leading Mental Health Agencies providing education, support and advocacy services to the residents of Franklin County.