RESOLUTION NO. R-019- 108

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2019 AS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK.

WHEREAS, mental health is part of overall health; and

WHEREAS, one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause among young adults, and 90% of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness; and

WHEREAS, long delays—sometimes decades—often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado do hereby proclaim October 6 through October 12, 2019 as Mental Illness Awareness Week to shine a light on mental illness and fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of October, 2019, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

BY:

ROGER A. PARTRIDGE, Chair

Lora L. Thomas

ATTEST:

KRISTIN RANDLETT, Clerk to the Board

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