

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-R-_____

**RESOLUTION
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 23rd DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2003.**

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for our well-being and vitality as well as that of our families, communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the President's New Freedom Commission declared that mental disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disabilities in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today --- more common than cancer, and lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders are real, common and treatable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Surgeon General has found that a range of mental health treatments of documented efficacy exists for most mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association of Central Florida and their partners observe Mental Illness Awareness Week the first full week of October each year to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illnesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ESOLVED that we the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida do hereby proclaim October 4-11, 2003 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, A.D., 2003.

ATTEST:

MARYANNE MORSE, Clerk to the
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
in and for the County of Seminole,
State of Florida

DARYL G. McLAIN,
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____