

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-R-_____

**RESOLUTION
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 28th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2004.**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to health, every individual, family and community must understand that mental health is an essential part of overall health and we must increase suicide prevention by reducing the stigma of seeking care; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to eliminate disparities in mental health by promoting well-being for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, place of residence or age and ensure equity of access, delivery of services and improvement of outcomes, through public and private partnership to ensure culturally competent care to all; and

WHEREAS, consumers and families must have the necessary information and the opportunity to exercise choice over their care decisions, including individualized plans of care, expanded supported employment, enhanced rights protections, better criminal and juvenile justice diversion and re-entry programs, improve access to housing, and end chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, every individual must have the opportunity for early and appropriate mental health screening, assessment and referral to treatment; and

WHEREAS, adults and children with mental illness must have ready access to evidence-based best treatments, services and supports leading to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the mental health system must inform consumers, providers and public policy with quality, accessible and accountable information supporting improved care and information dissemination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2004 as "**Mental Illness Awareness Week – Take Action to Change the Nation**" to increase public awareness of severe mental illness and in so doing to promote greater access to effective treatments for those who suffer from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

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 28th day of September, A.D., 2004.

ATTEST:

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

DARYL G. McLAIN, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date: _____