

~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas;** Columbia River Mental Health Services began caring for local residents in 1942 and now, as the largest behavioral health services provider in Southwest Washington, it is marking its 75th year in the community; and
- Whereas;** Columbia River Mental Health Services originally was a counseling service for “juvenile delinquents,” last year it assisted 4,674 people of all ages, including 773 children and teens, with both in-patient and out-patient services; and
- Whereas;** Columbia River Mental Health, now the largest locally operated nonprofit, anticipates providing \$13.5 million in services to the community and more than 10,000 volunteer hours in 2017; and
- Whereas;** The agency has grown from 30 employees in the Clark County Courthouse to 200 professionals in seven locations, and the Columbia River Mental Health Foundation was established in 2006; and
- Whereas;** Columbia River Mental Health was a pioneer among what is now a strong, cohesive professional provider network in Clark County; and
- Whereas;** Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed each May in the U.S. since 1949 and was proclaimed National Mental Health Awareness Month by President Barack Obama in 2013.

Now, therefore, this Board of County Councilors proclaims May 2017 as

~ NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH ~

in Clark County, Washington, congratulates Columbia River Mental Health Services for its decades of dedication to the health and welfare of our community, and urges residents to celebrate the agency’s 75th anniversary and support its foundation by attending its May 5 gala at Warehouse 23.

Signed this 25th day of April 2017

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