

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

May 19, 2015

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails are having co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Orange County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through the *Stepping Up* initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board does hereby:

1. Support the *Stepping Up* initiative's Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jails and commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in California and across the country to support a national initiative.
2. Encourage county officials, employees and residents to participate in the *Stepping Up* initiative.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on May 19, 2015, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: SHAWN NELSON, ANDREW DO, MICHELLE STEEL
LISA A. BARTLETT
NOES: Supervisor(s):
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s): TODD SPITZER
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):



CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, ROBIN STIELER, Interim Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.



ROBIN STIELER
Interim Clerk of the Board
County of Orange, State of California



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Item No: 11



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors , Orange County, State of California

Robin Stieler, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy