

Jackson County



Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

Whereas, There are more than 780,000 children and youth under the age of 18 in the State of Mississippi, and nearly one in five could benefit from short-term mental health treatment through a community health center, school-based or nonprofit therapist, or private practitioner; and

Whereas, Almost 36,000 Mississippi children have persistent mental health needs which can impact every aspect of their lives requiring comprehensive mental health services; and

Whereas, The cost to our children, families and community are significant, not only in dollars but also in lost futures, broken families and great heartache; and

Whereas, With early detection and appropriate treatment, many of our children with serious mental health needs can grow up to lead healthy, fulfilling, and productive lives; and

Whereas, Our community is part of "Mississippi System of Care" which is supported by local agencies and individuals working together on behalf of our children's mental health needs, and this partnership reduces costly hospital and out-of-home placements while promoting positive youth development; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors declares all of May as

Children's Mental Health Awareness Month

in Jackson County, Mississippi.

Adopted, by unanimous vote, on the 11th day of May, 2009, in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Jackson County to be affixed.



Manly Barton
2009 Board President

