

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Texas is the fastest growing state in our nation, representing the 2nd largest population; and

WHEREAS, the success, vitality and security of every Texas community depends on the good health and productivity of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities describes the challenges faced by nearly 1 in 10 families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General reports that 1 in 5 people will have a mental illness in any given year that, if left untreated, can lead to lost productivity, unsuccessful relationships, significant dysfunction and continuing effect on children in their care; and

WHEREAS, studies consistently reaffirm our experience that adults and youth with serious mental illness who do not receive mental health care are twice as likely to spend time in jails and prisons and a high percentage of youth placed on probation are in need of mental health care; and

WHEREAS, an independent evaluation of the Crisis Services Redesign conducted by Texas A & M University found that direct and measurable reductions in the cost of services (including reduced hospitalization) completely covers the cost of the state's investment in the mental health crisis response system; and

WHEREAS, Texas utilizes the foundation of locally governed Community Centers of Texas to manage and deliver services across all 254 counties of our great state for one of the lowest funded disability service systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Centers of Texas touch the lives of more than 400,000 Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness and substance use disorders each year; and

WHEREAS, the Community Centers of Texas strengthen and support our communities by delivering services that focus on recovery and self-determination to vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the MHMR Services for the Concho Valley is locally controlled by a Board of Trustees comprised of dedicated volunteers, appointed by Tom Green County, City of San Angelo, San Angelo Independent School District, and Angelo State University and through this local governance structure has developed and managed a valued, accountable system of public services for the citizens of Tom Green County; and

WHEREAS, the MHMR Services for the Concho Valley provides oversight, manages, and delivers community-based services for more than 2,600 Texans each year; and

WHEREAS, in serving this vital function the MHMR Services for the Concho Valley locally employs more than 279 professionals, para-professionals, direct service specialists, consumer

employees and administrative personnel, engages a network of private providers and interacts with numerous local businesses for operational support; and

WHEREAS, MHMR Services for the Concho Valley is instrumental in creating and maintaining strong collaborative partnerships throughout the community on behalf of Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness and military service members and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, MHMR Services for the Concho Valley serves as a catalyst for drawing resources to our community for the purpose of creating an integrated local service delivery system and defrays costs that would otherwise be a burden on local government by leveraging local, state and federal funds; and

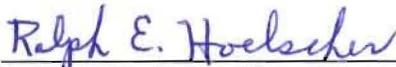
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tom Green County supports and recognizes the locally governed Community Center as the most effective and cost efficient means to manage and deliver services for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness and veteran services and

FURTHERMORE, we call on our Texas leaders to maintain their investment in community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness and veteran services and supports, particularly in an economic environment that creates an increased demand on public systems.

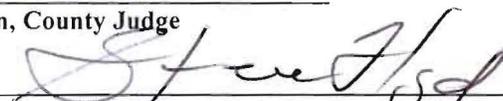
UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the above Proclamation was unanimously adopted on this 24th day of August, 2010.



Michael D. Brown, County Judge



Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner, Precinct 1



Steve C. Floyd, Commissioner, Precinct 3



Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Precinct 2



Richard S. Easingwood, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael D. Brown, County Judge; Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Steve C. Floyd, Commissioner, Pct. 3; and Richard S. Easingwood, Commissioner, Pct. 4, Tom Green County, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes, therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by the said County Officials, on this the 24th day of August, 2010.

ATTEST:



Elizabeth McGill, Tom Green County Clerk

