

*The State of Texas  
County of El Paso*

*Know All Men By These Presents:*

*WHEREAS, Mental Health Illnesses are biologically based brain disorders. They cannot be overcome through “will power” and are not related to a person’s character or intelligence; and,*

*WHEREAS, Mental Health disorders fall along a continuum of severity. The most serious and disabling conditions affect five to ten million adults and three to five million children ages five to seventeen in the United States. Mental Health disorders are the leading cause of disability in North America; and,*

*WHEREAS, Early identification and treatment is of vital importance; by getting people the treatment they need early, recovery is accelerated and the brain is protected from further harm related to the course of illness; and,*

*WHEREAS, Stigma erodes confidence that mental disorders are real, treatable health conditions. By supporting Mental Health Awareness, we can combat an unwarranted sense of hopelessness and dismantle attitudinal, structural and financial barriers and build on the El Paso MHMR motto: STRENGTH, HOPE, RECOVERY.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners’ Court that May, 2010 be recognized as:*

***“Mental Health Awareness Month”***

*and encourage support so that people with mental health illnesses may live successful, independent lives in our community and realize their full potential.*

SIGNED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2010.

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*Commissioner Annabell Perez, Pct. 1*

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*Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Pct. 2*

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*Commissioner Willie Gandara, Pct. 3*

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*Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4*

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*Anthony Cobos  
County Judge*