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**AGENDA ITEM  
REQUEST/JUSTIFICATION FORM**  
*(To be completed by requesting Department)*  
Forward all requests to Sharon Bourke, LC2 Civic Center  
**DEADLINE SUBMITTAL IS 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
BEFORE THE TUESDAY MEETING**

Agenda item: BCC → Recognitions/Proclamations  
(i.e. Consent/Recognition-Proclamation/Presentation/Public Hearing/Committee, etc.)  
Date to be on agenda: May 21 2019

Exact wording to be used for the agenda: **Resolution recognizing May as 'Stepping Up's Month of Action' and reaffirming Douglas County's support for 'Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails'**

Action requested: Approval

Amount requested: N/A Object Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is item in current year's budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Does this item commit funds in future years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If an agreement or contract\*, has the County Attorney reviewed and approved? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Provide County Clerk with contact info for outside organization*

Previous action taken on this item, if any: N/A

Recommendations and rationale or action: \_\_\_\_\_

Will anyone speak on behalf of this item, if so who? \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a rush agenda item, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by (Name & Dept.): Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, District 6 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: 5/8/2019  
Resolution attached (1 page)

List Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach resolution and all pertinent documentation; i.e. contract, agreement, memorandums, etc.)

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

***RESOLVED***

**WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; 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**, in 2015, a national initiative called *Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails* (“Stepping Up”) was launched as a partnership of The Council of State Governments Justice Center, The National Association of Counties, and The American Psychiatric Association Foundation; and,

**WHEREAS**, this initiative rallies national, state and local leaders around the goal of achieving an actual reduction in the number of people with mental illnesses and substance use disorders in jail and to encourage public, private and nonprofit partners to find strategies and resources to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and,

**WHEREAS**, to date, more than 475 counties in 43 states have passed a resolution or proclamation to join the initiative and commit to creating a data-driven, systems-level plan to reduce the prevalence of mental illness in their jails and improve outcomes for people with mental illnesses in their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County continues to be a strong supporter of the initiative and affirms its on-going commitment to effectively reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our County jail; and,

**WHEREAS**, May is *Stepping Up’s* Month of Action, during which, counties demonstrate their support and highlight their efforts toward reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails and discuss finding additional ways to promote and accomplish the goals of the initiative.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THAT** this Board does hereby continue to support and reaffirm the goals of the *Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails* and recognizes the month of May as *Stepping Up’s* Month of Action.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2019

**THE  
STEPPINGUP  
INITIATIVE**

