



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 5/16/18

Department: Sheriff's Office Agenda Planning Date: 5/10/18 Time required: 10

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Department Head Signature: [Signature]

TITLE: Recognizing May 16 as Stepping Up Day in Marion County

Issue, Description & Background: Marion County has long recognized the problems associated with incarcerating individuals in jail who suffer from mental illness. Our community is stronger and safer when individuals with mental illness are connected to community based services that provide focused care for them.

Financial Impacts: Research has also found that on average the cost to incarcerate an individual with a mental illness or a mental health condition is 2 to 3 times higher than the costs associated with a person without a mental health condition.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: Partnerships supported and enhanced.

Options for Consideration: Approve or not.

Recommendation: Please approve proclamation.

List of attachments: Proclamation

Presenter: Sheriff Jason Myers, Cary Moller, Walt Beglau

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In the matter of proclaiming)
May 16, 2018 as Stepping Up Day of Action)
In Marion County)

PROCLAMATION

“Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails”

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

WHEREAS, Marion County takes pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of their residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has a tradition of leadership in investing in effective mental health services and developing partnerships between the mental health and public safety systems; and

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

WHEREAS, Marion County joined *Stepping Up* in 2016 to show its commitment to working on this issue locally; and

WHEREAS, *Stepping Up* is hosting a Day of Action on May 16, 2018, for counties to hold an event or participate in local activities to share with constituents in the progress they have made in addressing the prevalence of people who have mental illnesses in their jails, raise public awareness and understanding of this important issue, and emphasize their commitment to creating data-driven, system level changes to policy, and practice to achieve their *Stepping Up* goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT the Marion County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 16, 2018 as the Marion County *Stepping UP* Day of Action and encourages all county officials, employees, and residents to participate in or host associated activities or events.

SIGNED and DATED this 16th day of May, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.

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