**A RESOLUTION**

A resolution of the county of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting increased funding for community-based mental health services in the FY 2024-25 state budget.

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County strongly urges a county mental health base funding increase to ensure that residents are able to access the care that they need; and

**WHEREAS,** counties provide community-based mental health services, such as community residential programs, family-based support, outpatient care and crisis intervention, which are critical to the well-being of our constituents and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania has not invested adequately in these critical community resources. Since 2008, these funds have been eroded by state budget cuts and the elimination of cost-of-living adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs no longer have the resources to be innovative and keep up with the demand for needed services and have contributed to the closure of many community-based services; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County has invested in community-based mental health services that coordinate and invest in programs and services that meet the needs and challenges of local communities, including <<include examples of community mental health programs in your county as applicable>>; and

**WHEREAS**,the state-county partnership across all areas of service delivery must again be prioritized, including a commitment to additional and sustainable funding for community-based mental health services; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_\_ County calls on the Governor and General Assembly to make a significant state investment in rebuilding Pennsylvania’s mental health system by increasing the county mental health base by $250 million in the FY 2024-25 budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County calls on the Governor and General Assembly to commit to a long-term plan of further increases over the next five to ten years to pull Pennsylvania’s mental health system from the point of collapse to a system that fully meets needs; and

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

# **ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/
 COUNTY COUNCIL

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