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**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

**SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails**  
**DEPT/OFFICE: District 5**

**Requested Action:**

It is requested the Board approve the Stepping Up initiative to reduce then number of people with mental illnesses in jail.

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

See attached Resolution

**Name: Dawn Johnson**  
**Phone: 321-253-6611**

**Exhibits Attached: atch**

**Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney**

**County Manager's Office**  
**Stockton Whitten, County Manager**



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May 18, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Andy Anderson, District 5    Attn: Dawn Johnson

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Recognizing the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 17, 2016, adopted Resolution No. 16-072, recognizing the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

✓ Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

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**WHEREAS**, Brevard County takes pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways through Mental Health Court, Veterans' Justice Outreach, and Pretrial Intervention, which are programs that help people stay out of jail by offering mental health and substance use disorder treatment; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize and support**

**STEPPING UP INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS**

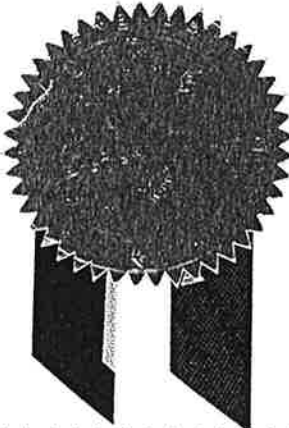
**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED** in regular session, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

*Scott Ellis*

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Jim Barkfield*  
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JIM BARKFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK