

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, **BRAZORIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT** is expressing its strong and unified support for the development and creation of a **Mental Health Crisis Center** in Brazoria County. This initiative is a critical step in addressing the growing mental health and substance abuse crisis facing our community, as evidenced by the increasing rates of mental distress, substance abuse disorders, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Crisis Center will not only provide urgent inpatient care but will also alleviate the pressure on local hospitals, law enforcement, emergency services, and educational institutions, all of which are currently overwhelmed by the demands of mental health crises. Additionally, this facility will enable a more comprehensive approach to care, including outpatient services, substance abuse disorder treatment, and community-based programs that can serve as preventative measures; and

WHEREAS, by supporting this initiative, the County believes it can dramatically improve access to life-saving mental health care for individuals and families in the community. The benefits of such a center are not limited to healthcare alone. This facility will have a positive impact on the local economy, reducing absenteeism in the workplace and fostering a healthier, more resilient community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County urges its state leaders to prioritize this project and allocate the necessary **\$115,000,000 in funding** and resources to make this facility a reality. The County is committed to working together, alongside healthcare providers, schools, law enforcement, and other community organizations, to ensure the success of this critical initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that together, meaningful steps can be taken toward addressing the mental health crisis in Brazoria County, ensuring that no one falls through the cracks in their time of need within Brazoria County, Texas.

Approved this the 12th day of November 2024.

Brazoria County Judge

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