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CLARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF CLARION
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2023

A resolution of the County of Clarion, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting increased funding for community-based mental health services in the FY 2023-24 state budget.

WHEREAS, Clarion 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 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, Clarion 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; 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 Clarion 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 \$150 million in the FY 2023-24 budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Clarion County supports appropriating the \$100 million in federal ARP funding allocated for adult mental health consistent with the Behavioral Health Commission's recommendations; and,

RESOLVED, that Clarion 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 Clarion County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Clarion, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 13th day of June 2023.

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Attest:

Mindy L. Frampton, Chief Clerk