

State of South Carolina )

County of Sumter )

# Resolution

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**Whereas**, the mentally ill of this community touches the majority of family life in Sumter County, and

**Whereas**, most of these persons suffering from mental illness are not afforded any medical or psychiatric care, and

**Whereas**, there is no formal medical facility in Sumter County structured to treat, counsel, and render whole the mentally ill who are poor, marginalized, or otherwise does not count for anything, and

**Whereas**, many of our mentally ill family members are committing murder, are incarcerated, are brutalizing children, or taking their own lives.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that we, the members of Sumter County Council, do hereby express our efforts to lead a task force whose hearts and minds are open to caring for our mentally ill.

**It Is Further Resolved**, that Sumter County Council shall seek grant funds to be specifically used to fund treating the mentally ill.

**Be It Finally Further Resolved**, that Sumter County Council shall lead all collaborative efforts necessary to fully engage all branches of government to include but not limited to law enforcement, the Magistrates, Judges, the Solicitor, the Clerk of Court, DSS, and Mental Health, etc.

**Done, Ratified, and Given** under the seal of Sumter County during Council's regular meeting held this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.



SUMTER COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

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Its Chairwoman: Naomi D. Sanders

ATTEST

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Its Clerk: Mary W. Blanding