

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Community Mental Health – Mental Retardation Centers System of Care in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health – Mental Retardation Regional Boards were created in 1966 to meet the needs of children and adults living in all 120 counties of the Commonwealth who are faced with the challenges of overcoming issues related to mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Centers across the Commonwealth serve and support over 180,000 Kentuckians annually; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Centers offer a full range of specialized services, which include supportive employment, case management, substance abuse prevention, work habilitation, homeless services, and traditional mental health and substance abuse outpatient treatment, along with many other unique services for some of the most indigent individuals in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Centers are known for their mission of transforming lives and communities through excellence in mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual and developmental disability services; and

WHEREAS, due to the vision of Governor Breathitt, Dr. Dale Farabee, and Dan Howard, 2016 marks 50 years of continuous service to and for the residents of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes the 50th anniversary of the 14 Community Mental Health Centers: Four Rivers Behavioral Health, Pennyroyal Center, RiverValley Behavioral Health, LifeSkills, Communicare, Seven Counties Services, NorthKey Community Care, Comprehend, Pathways, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Kentucky River Community Care, Cumberland River Behavioral Health,

The Adanta Group, and Bluegrass.org, and commends them for the important services they provide.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP, Inc., 152 West Zandale Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.