

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT DISABILITY,
ALCOHOLISM, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DISABILITY SERVICES

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May 9, 2017
Start: 2:05 p.m.
Recess: 2:20 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:
ANDREW COHEN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Ruben Wills
Corey D. Johnson
Paul A. Vallone
Barry S. Grodenchik
Joseph C. Borelli

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 [sound check]

3 [pause]

4 [background comments]

5 [gavel]

6 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: Good afternoon, I am
7 Council Member Andrew Cohen, chair of the Mental
8 Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance
9 Abuse Committee. Today we are voting on Proposed
10 Reso No. 1374-A. Resolution 1374 establishes June 8
11 annually as Teen Mental health Awareness Day.

12 Eight percent of New York City public
13 high school students report having attempted suicide;
14 the impetus of a Teen Mental Health Awareness Day
15 came to my attention by a group of teen activists
16 motivated by the suicide of their classmate. These
17 young people reached out to other schools in their
18 community and organized a group of students to
19 advocate and become thought leaders on the issue of
20 teen mental health. Their proactivity and working
21 together on something that was close to their hearts
22 was inspiring. We hope to honor their friend and
23 raise awareness to their work and the issues by
24 creating June 8 as Teen Mental Health Awareness Day
25 in the City of New York.

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2 I'm now gonna ask the clerk to call the
3 roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Committee Clerk Matthew
5 DeStefano, Committee on Mental Health, Developmental
6 Disability, Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and
7 Disability Services, roll call on Resolution 1374-A.
8 Chair Cohen.

9 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye. [sic]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
17 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
18 the resolution has been adopted.

19 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: We're gonna ask the
20 clerk to keep the roll open for Council Member
21 Johnson, who should be here momentarily. Thank you
22 very much. [background comment] And Council Member
23 Crowley. [background comments]

24 [pause]

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation of roll
3 call on Resolution 1374-A, Committee on Mental
4 Health. Council Member Johnson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now stands at
7 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative; no
8 abstentions.

9 [pause]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Committee on Mental
11 Health, continuation of roll call on Resolution 1374-
12 A. Council Member Crowley.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote now
15 stands at 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and
16 no abstentions.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date June 7, 2017