



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA**

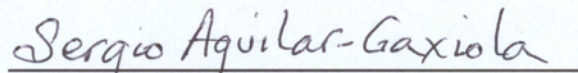
WHEREAS, Bill Compton served on the Mental Health America Board of Directors as an active and valuable member from 2002 until his passing on August 27, 2007; he served on the Prevention and Adults Mental Health Services Committee, the Public Affairs Committee, the Public Policy Committee, the Substance Abuse/Addiction Task Force and the Executive Committee; and, his life experiences, wisdom and judgment, as well as his friendship, have been treasured by all Mental Health America board members and staff;

WHEREAS, Bill Compton was a giant in the mental health movement in America; his efforts were successful in creating acceptance of consumer-run services as an integral part of the Los Angeles County Mental Health system of care; as a lover of the dramatic arts, he gave compelling performances in his one-man play describing his personal journey through mental illness to recovery; he was an articulate advocate in the movement, and served as President of the California Network of Mental Health Clients, the statewide consumer alliance, has been an integral part in the "Capitol Rounds" sponsored by NAMI, the American Psychiatric Association and the Academic Consortium of Researchers as well as Capitol Hill visits in Washington during the Mental Health America annual conference; he received from Mental Health America the Clifford W. Beers Award as a mental health consumer; he was recognized as Consumer Advocate of the Year in 2002 by the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services; he began the first consumer-run warm line in Los Angeles County; and, he made major presentations on self-help and recovery at conferences of the World Federation for Mental Health in Okinawa and in Chile; and

WHEREAS, Bill had a special zest for life that was contagious; he always looked for the best in people and gave them his best; his love of the muses enriched all who stepped through a theatre door with him; above all, he was a marvelous ambassador to the public, vividly demonstrating the humanity of people with mental illness; his life of advocacy and service admirably exemplified the very triumph of resilience and recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Mental Health America expresses its deepest appreciation for the outstanding life of Bill Compton and for his exemplary advocacy, leadership and service to Mental Health America and to the mental health movement in California, America and the world; we acknowledge that the memory of his life and work will live on; and, we convey to his family and friends our heartfelt condolences.

ADOPTED effective August 27, 2007.


Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, M.D., Ph.D.
Chair of the Board