

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION**

**of the**

**TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**Civil Justice Committee JCMH Recommendations**

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Council is the policymaking body for the Texas Judicial Branch, created under Chapter 71, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council is charged with improving the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, one of the Council's recommendations in 2016 was the creation of a Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH); and

WHEREAS, JCMH was created jointly in a historic hearing and joint order by the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in January 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes additional reforms to the ways that courts and the justice system interact with individuals with a mental health condition or an intellectual or developmental disability would benefit those individuals;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Judicial Council urges the Legislature to enact the recommendations from the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health concerning the following areas:

1. Emergency Detention; and
2. Civil Commitment; and
3. Early Identification and Referral to Treatment; and
4. Specialty Courts; and
5. Competency Restoration; and

6. Court-Ordered Medication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan L. Hecht", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht  
Chair, Texas Judicial Council