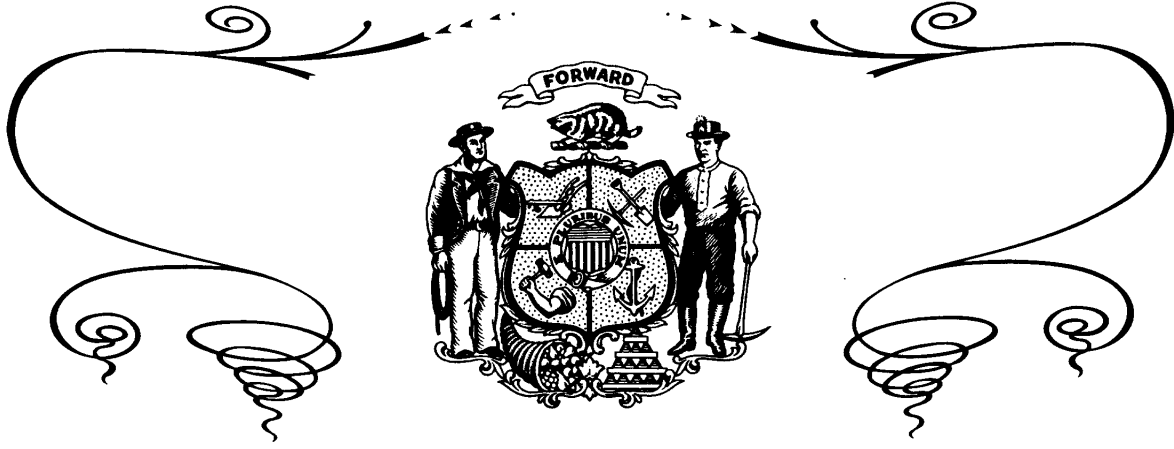


# State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 48

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** proclaiming May 2017 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Whereas, one in five Americans lives with a mental illness; and

Whereas, May has been observed as National Mental Health Awareness Month since 1949; and

Whereas, Mental Health Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness about mental illnesses, such as major depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, and draw attention to suicide, which may be precipitated by mental illness; and

Whereas, we must empower first responders, doctors, and families to help those with the most severe mental illnesses to ensure that people with mental illness have access to evidence-based treatment and services; and

Whereas, the stigma associated with mental illness prevents many individuals from seeking help for themselves or loved ones; and

Whereas, treatments for mental illnesses are highly effective; and

Whereas, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness through compassion, education, and advocacy can draw attention to the proven methods that better the lives of those living with a mental illness; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the legislature join our colleagues in Congress by proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Roger Roth  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk