



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 45

May 4, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives BALLWEG, TITTL, ALLEN, CONSIDINE, HEBL, HORLACHER, JACQUE, KESSLER, KITCHENS, KOLSTE, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, POPE, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SNYDER, SPREITZER, SUBECK and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators VUKMIR, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, DARLING, HARSDORF, MARKLEIN, SHILLING and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 Whereas, treatments for mental illnesses are highly effective; and

