



## 2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

May 3, 2013 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, ERPENBACH, GUDEx, HANSEN, HARRIS, HARS DORF, KEDZIE, LASSA, LEHMAN, OLSEN, RISSER, SHILLING, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BERNIER, BEWLEY, BROOKS, CZAJA, DANOU, ENDSLEY, GENRICH, HEBL, HULSEY, HUTTON, JAGLER, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, T. LARSON, LOUDENBECK, MARKLEIN, MASON, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, PASCH, PETRYK, RINGHAND, RIPP, SARGENT, SPIROS, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, TRANEL, WILLIAMS, WRIGHT, ZEPNICK and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2013 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

2             Whereas, one in four Americans lives with a mental health 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 depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, and draw  
7 attention to suicide, which may be precipitated by mental illness; and

8             Whereas, Speaker Robin Vos has established the Speaker's Task Force on  
9 Mental Health; and

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

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

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

