



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 135

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

2 Whereas, mental health disorders contribute to four out of the ten causes of
3 disabilities in the United States; and

4 Whereas, stigma prevents most individuals living with mental disorders from
5 seeking proper care; and

6 Whereas, up to 60 percent of family doctor visits are caused by underlying
7 mental health maladies, such as depression, anxiety, or stress; and

8 Whereas, an estimated 22 percent of adult Americans suffer from diagnosable
9 mental health disorders in a given year; and

10 Whereas, about 1.3 billion workdays are lost each year nationally due to mental
11 health malaise; and

12 Whereas, the U.S. Surgeon General reported that the indirect costs of mental
13 illness imposed an estimated \$79 billion loss on the U.S. economy in 1990, or more
14 than \$123 billion today; and

