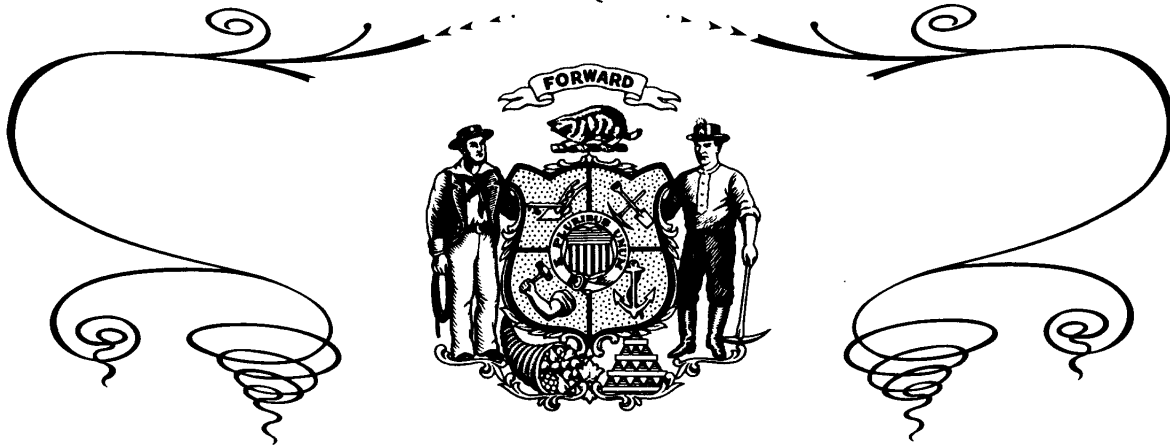


State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Joint Resolution 27

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk