



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

May 5, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives PASCH, SHILLING, GRIGSBY, SPANBAUER, HEBL, ROYS, KAUFERT, MOLEPSKE JR, BERNARD SCHABER, BEWLEY, MASON, ZEPNICK, YOUNG, MILROY, D. CULLEN, BERCEAU, A. OTT, VRUWINK, BERNIER, E. COGGS, CLARK, FIELDS and HINTZ, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, ERPENBACH, S. COGGS, VINEHOUT, LASSA, WIRCH, C. LARSON, DARLING, GALLOWAY, OLSEN, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2011 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, mental health conditions are real and prevalent, affecting one in four
3 members of our community; and

4 Whereas, four of the ten leading causes of disability in the United States and
5 other developed countries are mental disorders; and

6 Whereas, fewer than one-third of adults and one-half of children living with
7 a diagnosable mental disorder receive mental health services in a given year; and

8 Whereas, the failure to treat mental illnesses drives up costs across society
9 through absenteeism, suicide, lost productivity, incarceration, unemployment,
10 homelessness, and co-morbidity; and

11 Whereas, with effective treatment and prevention, individuals living with
12 mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

13 Whereas, access to mental health treatment is obstructed by a number
14 attitudinal, structural, and financial barriers; and

1 Whereas, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider,
2 organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems in our society
3 and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support the need for
4 appropriate and accessible services for all people living with mental health
5 conditions; now, therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
7 hereby proclaims the month of May in 2011 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

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