

State of Misconsin 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

1 Whereas, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness through 2 compassion, education, and advocacy can draw attention to the proven methods that 3 better the lives of those living with a mental illness; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the members of the
legislature join our colleagues in Congress by proclaiming May as Mental Health
Awareness Month.

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## (END)