



## 2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 55

May 8, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, DITTRICH, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BEHNKE, BROWN, CLANCY, FITZGERALD, GUNDRUM, JOHNSON, KREIBICH, MADISON, MCCARVILLE, MOSES, MURPHY, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PRADO, ROE, SNYDER, STUBBS, TAYLOR, VANDERMEER, VINING and WITTKE, cosponsored by Senators JAMES, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, MARKLEIN, RATCLIFF, ROYS and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

2           Whereas, Mental Health Awareness Month provides a meaningful  
3     opportunity to recognize the vital role mental well-being plays in the health of  
4     individuals, families, and communities across Wisconsin, to promote informed  
5     dialogue, and to address the stigma surrounding mental health; and

6           Whereas, mental health conditions affect one in five U.S. adults and one in six  
7     youth annually, touching the lives of Wisconsinites across every age group and  
8     region; and

9           Whereas, Wisconsin is facing a significant rise in youth mental health  
10    challenges, mirroring a nationwide 31 percent increase in emergency room visits  
11    related to mental health among young people in 2020, a concerning trend that has  
12    continued to grow in recent years; and

13          Whereas, in both rural and urban settings, access to professional mental

1 health services across all 72 Wisconsin counties remains essential for meeting the  
2 mental health needs of Wisconsin's population; and

3 Whereas, by providing care, guidance, and connection, mental health  
4 professionals and peer support networks empower individuals to manage mental  
5 health challenges and work toward a brighter, healthier future; and

6 Whereas, with effective treatment, education, and community support,  
7 individuals experiencing mental health conditions can recover, grow, and thrive;  
8 and

9 Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature recognizes the critical need to strengthen  
10 mental health systems and remains committed to advancing initiatives that expand  
11 access, reduce barriers, and improve awareness; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
13 Legislature designates May 2025 and May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness  
14 Months in Wisconsin.

15 (END)