



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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