
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2002 as "Mental Health Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall
4 health and well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, One in five American adults and children is affected
6 by a mental illness; and

7 WHEREAS, Mental health problems do not discriminate and know
8 no race, creed, age limit or economic status; and

9 WHEREAS, People with mental illness can lead full, productive
10 lives; and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated two-thirds of adults and young people
2 with mental health problems are not getting the help they need;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Untreated or undertreated mental illness costs
5 public and private employers billions of dollars annually
6 through absenteeism, turnover, low productivity and increased
7 medical costs; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to
9 community-based systems of mental health care in which all
10 residents can receive high-quality and consumer-responsive
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Mental Health Association, the National
13 Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national
14 partners observe "Mental Health Month" every May to raise
15 awareness and understanding of mental health and illness;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of May 2002 as "Mental Health Month" in Pennsylvania; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That all citizens, government agencies, public and
21 private institutions, businesses and schools be urged to
22 recommit our communities to increasing awareness and
23 understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and
24 accessible services for all people with mental illness.