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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 10, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 10, 2018, as "World Mental Health Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania to highlight the importance of mental health  
3 globally and the contributions and value of mental health.

4 WHEREAS, Mental health is essential to achieve the full  
5 potential of an individual and mental health disorders can  
6 affect the ability of an individual to carry out daily tasks,  
7 establish or maintain relationships or pursue other fundamental  
8 endeavors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mental health disorders and substance use disorders  
10 are the leading causes of disability globally; and

11 WHEREAS, Depression is the third leading cause of disease  
12 burden globally, and by 2030, depression will be the highest  
13 cause of disease burden in low-income countries and the second  
14 highest cause of disease burden in middle-income countries; and

15 WHEREAS, Depression has a particularly negative impact on  
16 women, for whom depression is the leading cause of disease

1 burden, independent of the income level of their countries of  
2 residence; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,000 deaths from suicide occur each  
4 day globally; and

5 WHEREAS, For each completed suicide, 20 more individuals  
6 attempt suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, Up to 90% of individuals who complete suicide have a  
8 diagnosable mental health disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, Students who are both targets of bullying and engage  
10 in bullying behavior are at a greater risk for both mental  
11 health and behavior problems than students who solely bully or  
12 who are solely targets of bullying; and

13 WHEREAS, Serious and persistent mental illness, including  
14 schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, affects up to 7% of the  
15 population of the world and is extremely debilitating; and

16 WHEREAS, In high-income countries, approximately one-half of  
17 individuals afflicted with mental health disorders do not  
18 receive appropriate health care; and

19 WHEREAS, In low-income countries, approximately 85% to 90% of  
20 individuals afflicted with mental health disorders do not  
21 receive appropriate health care; and

22 WHEREAS, Integrating mental health and psychosocial support  
23 into health and social sectors improves the health, economic  
24 development and political stability of the population, builds  
25 the capacity of staff and health facilities and creates  
26 nonstigmatizing mental health services; and

27 WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to create readily  
28 accessible, high-quality mental health services in line with  
29 national and global guidelines by designing and implementing  
30 comprehensive programs that are culturally, developmentally and

1 linguistically appropriate, building local human resource  
2 capacity and strengthening health systems; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
4 10, 2018, as "World Mental Health Day" in Pennsylvania to  
5 highlight the importance of mental health globally and the  
6 contributions and value of mental health; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania residents honor the importance of  
8 trained mental health workers as they enhance human well-being  
9 and mental health, restore functioning and save lives by  
10 ensuring the availability of high-quality, context-relevant  
11 mental health and psychosocial support services; and be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That Pennsylvania residents commend the dedication  
14 of organizations, professionals and volunteers globally who work  
15 to improve the mental health of all individuals and the  
16 important contributions and bravery of individuals globally who  
17 live with or have overcome mental health disorders.