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2 Mental Health Awareness Month and the work of Mental
3 Health America.

4 *Whereas, Mental health conditions comprise conditions such*
5 *as schizophrenia, PTSD, bipolar, borderline personality*
6 *disorder, ADHD, OCD, depression, anxiety, eating disorders,*
7 *suicide, addiction, and others;*

8 *Whereas, Nearly 44 million adults in the United States*
9 *experience mental health conditions in a given year, which is*
10 *approximately 1 in 5 American adults;*

11 *Whereas, According to the nonprofit organization KFF, 32.9*
12 *percent of Hoosier adults reported symptoms of anxiety,*
13 *depression, or both in 2023;*

14 *Whereas, Suicide is a leading cause of death among*
15 *adolescents aged 15 to 19 years and young adults aged 20 to 24*
16 *years, and there has been a stark increase in the rate of deaths*
17 *from drug overdose among Americans aged 25 to 64 years;*

18 *Whereas, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed*
19 *in the United States since 1949, and its purpose is to raise*
20 *awareness about mental health in order to fight stigma, provide*
21 *support, educate the public, and advocate for policies that*
22 *support the millions of people in the country affected by mental*
23 *health conditions;*

24 *Whereas, Organizations like Mental Health America work to*
25 *close the mental health equity gap while increasing nationwide*



1 awareness and understanding through public education, direct
2 services, tools, and research;

3 *Whereas, Mental Health America was founded as the*
4 *National Committee for Mental Hygiene in 1909 by Clifford W.*
5 *Beers, who personally suffered from mental health conditions;*

6 *Whereas, Upon seeing the poor treatment of patients in the*
7 *private and state hospitals he was confined to as a patient, he*
8 *began working to reform the treatment of the mentally ill,*
9 *which led to the creation of the National Committee for Mental*
10 *Hygiene;*

11 *Whereas, Today, Mental Health America operates nationally*
12 *and in communities across the country, including the state*
13 *affiliate Mental Health America of Indiana and other MHA*
14 *community affiliates throughout the Hoosier state;*

15 *Whereas, Mental Health America hosts an annual conference*
16 *that invites members from all over the country, and MHA*
17 *publishes an annual State of Mental Health in America report,*
18 *which is among the most widely respected health reports in the*
19 *nation; and*

20 *Whereas, Through the efforts of organizations such as Mental*
21 *Health America, the stigma surrounding mental health*
22 *conditions is ending, and there are more deliberate*
23 *conversations being had regarding the importance of mental*
24 *health and mental health treatment: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
26 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
27 *the Senate concurring:*

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
29 May as Mental Health Awareness Month and the work of
30 Mental Health America in Indiana and across the country.

31 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
32 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to State
33 Representative Christine Campbell for distribution.

