

Rep. Brown offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 68.

A resolution to declare May 2011 as Mental Health Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

Whereas, One in four American adults and children are affected by a mental illness; and

Whereas, Mental disorders collectively make mental illness the most prevalent health problem in America today-more common than cancer, lung, and heart disease combined; and

Whereas, People with mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

Whereas, Fewer than one-half of adults and one-third of children with mental health problems are not getting the help they need; and

Whereas, Untreated or undertreated mental illness costs public and private employers billions of dollars annually through absenteeism, turnover, low productivity, and increased medical costs; and

Whereas, Michigan has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care in which all residents can receive high-quality and consumer-responsive services; and

Whereas, The National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, and their national partners annually observe Mental Health Month in May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2011 as Mental Health Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Mental Health Association in support of their mission.