

Rep. Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 245.

A resolution to declare May 2012 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Developmental disabilities impact the lives of sixty million Americans; and

Whereas, Developmental disabilities are medical conditions that disrupt a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others, and daily functioning, rendering them dependent on others for care and assistance; and

Whereas, Developmental disabilities can affect persons of any age, race, religion, or income; and

Whereas, The U.S. Surgeon General reports that 10 percent of children and adolescents in the United States suffer from serious emotional and mental impairments that cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives at home, in school, and with peers; and

Whereas, Approximately 179,455 people in Michigan suffer from developmental disabilities, or about 1.8 percent of Michigan's citizens; and

Whereas, The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council supports people with developmental disabilities to achieve their life's dreams and ensure that all citizens of Michigan have the opportunities and support to achieve their full potential; and

Whereas, New opportunities have been created through collaborative efforts of family members, professionals and all levels of government to bring about significant changes in the public perception of young people and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to independent and productive lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative declare May 2012 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.